



## Jay Vernon Tipton

March 11, 1947 - June 2, 2013

Jay Vernon Tipton, 66, of Taylorsville, Utah, passed away June 2, 2013 in Salt Lake City, Utah.. He was born in Provo Utah, March 11, 1947, to Vernon John Tipton and Norma Russell Tipton. He graduated from MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas and continued his studies at Brigham Young University where he served as the Fifth Squadron Leader Administrative Officer at the 855th Detachment in the ROTC. He interrupted his studies to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Chile from 1966-68 and then to work two summers in Jackson Hole, Wyoming helping with river rafting. In 1970, Jay received his BS in math and computer science from Brigham Young University as a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and was stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas. Jay was later assigned to Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Offut Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska where he met and married June Walker on July 14, 1972 in the Ogden Temple. They later divorced. After earning his Masters Degree from the University of Kansas, he was transferred to the Pentagon in Washington DC. In 1981, Jay was transferred to Colorado Springs where he tracked satellites for NORAD in the Cheyenne Mountain Colorado Springs Complex. He was later stationed in Battle Creek Michigan and Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. After twenty years of service as a computer specialist in the Air Force, Jay retired in 1992 and began working for the Salt Lake County Tax Assessor's Office and teaching classes in quantum math at the Salt Lake Community College.

Jay is survived by his son Ethan Russell Tipton of Pleasant Grove Utah, son Matthew Robert Warnick (Natalie) of Billings Montana, and son Bryson John Warnick (Emily) of Lehi Utah; grandchildren Abigail Nicole, Carter Robert, Collin Matthew, Emma J., Bailey, and Jack Bryson, sister, Dianne T. King (Springville, Utah), brother Russell Thomas Tipton (Mesa, Arizona), sister and brother-in-law , John and Marsha Jacobson (Muncie, Indiana) and brother and sister-in-law David and Margaret Tipton (Elk Ridge, Utah). He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon John Tipton and Norma Russell Tipton.

There will not be no public services. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Perpetual Education Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints or to the Vernon J. Tipton Endowment at Brigham Young University.

He will be interred at the Evergreen Cemetery, Springville Utah.

# Cemetery Details

## **Springville Evergreen Cemetery**

1997 South 400 East  
Springville, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ I count Jay as a true friend. I sat with him lots of times just talking about life, work, family. He would tell a joke. I would tell a joke. And i felt triumphant if i got Jay laughing hard:) I tried to be there for him when i could. I gave him rides around town and home when his car was stolen. Found someone who could fix his car cheaper than the dealership when his car was found. And then i went through a divorce. Jay started coming to my desk and dropping a \$50 dollar bill on my desk and would not take it back.. "Go take your kids out for a fun dinner".... another time, "Go buy your kids something fun for Christmas"... Any time I gave him a ride to Westminster College to teach his class, he threw more money at me, "please take this for gas money... or take your kids out for a movie or something".... I was too proud to take the money, but he told me if I didn't take the money, he would be very upset... and to be honest, i very much could use the money at that time!! He knew it. So, i wanted to just add these experiences to help shine a bright light on Jay's giving and Caring personality. I try to pay it forward when ever I can... Thank you Jay... Knowing you made me a better person:)) Tony Hekking.

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**Tony Hekking** - September 09, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ Jay Vernon Tipton

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October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

GS

“ We wish to extend our sympathy to the Tipton family in Jay's passing. He is now with his special parents and others that loved and cared about him.  
May your choice memories of Jay and the Lord's spirit bless and comfort you and yours now and in the time to come.  
Again our sympathy and condolences,  
Gordon and Roberta Smith

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**Gordon & Roberta Smith** - June 07, 2013 at 10:55 PM

WB

“ Condolences to our cousins: Diane, Tom, Marsha and David and to Jay's children and grandchildren from the Helen Tipton Bringhurst family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**William Bringhurst** - June 07, 2013 at 05:47 PM

CA

“ Diane, I am sorry to learn about your brother. Things just don't seem right for death to happen to people younger than me. You and I need to visit, give me a call please. Love you. Carol Ashby

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**Carol Ashby** - June 06, 2013 at 08:43 PM

SR

“ I worked at the Government Center and saw Jay occasionally. He was always so friendly. Funny thing is I was just thinking about him the other day & wondered how he was doing. I'm horrible at math, and one day he told me a story using all math language. I was totally lost which made him giggle. He was a great guy. My sincere condolences to the entire family.

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**S. Rolfson** - June 06, 2013 at 12:45 PM

LL

“ I just want to say to Chris King and Dianne King and Jay's family that I am so sorry for your loss and my sincere condolences go out to you all. I work for Chris and he has mentioned Jay many times to me and how much he meant to him. May the comfort that God offers, go out to you and the family.

Luwana "Lu" Lee  
Gilbert, AZ

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**Luwana Lee** - June 06, 2013 at 10:49 AM

DH

“ My condolences to Jay's family. I worked with Jay in the Assessor's office and admired his many accomplishments and his work ethics, whether it be from home or the office he could always be depended upon. But most of all I admire his charity and kindness to others. He had a great sense of humor and will be sorely missed by all in our office and his other county affiliates. Thanks for all your service Jay.

Deb Hunt  
Salt Lake County Assessor's office

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**deb hunt** - June 06, 2013 at 10:13 AM



“ Jay was such a wonderful and caring uncle. I will always remember the times we sat on Grandpa's from lawn and played "up-there" where Jay would toss me in to the air as high as he could. His sister Dianne (my mother) was a single mom, and Jay was such a wonderful father figure to me during my youth. As I proudly followed his career in the military, he was my first hero, and I was convinced that he had the most important jobs in the armed services, and that he alone was responsible for protecting our country from harm and danger. I was always a little jealous of Ethan, Matthew and Bryson, having my hero as their father. That's how highly I thought of him then, and those proud and tender feelings are the same 35 years later.

*I love you Jay. You have been such an important part of my life, and I am proud to be your nephew.*

*My deepest condolences to his boys, my wonderful cousins. I will always appreciate our friendship and the fun times we had together growing up. I'm so proud of all of you, and my thoughts and prayers are with you as we say goodbye to your dad.*

*Chris King & Family*

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**Chris King** - June 05, 2013 at 10:21 PM

MJ

“ Jay and I have worked together in the Assessor's office for many years. His knowledge and willingness to assist all of us can never be truly acknowledged. Jay was a great listener & teacher, his wonderful wit, songs and sense of humor made a lot of days easier to get through! Jay had and shared the biggest heart I have ever known. I am so thankful for the time he shared with us. God bless you, the memories I have of Jay will help in this time of earthly loss

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**Max Jarmon** - June 05, 2013 at 04:08 PM

CC

“ *Bart, Lisa and Cindy worked with Jay over the past 3 years. Jay had a brilliant mind and we enjoyed getting to experience his vast knowledge of mathematics. What a great individual, he will be greatly missed in our meeting with the County. Our deepest sympathy to the family.*

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**Colorado CustomWare** - June 05, 2013 at 12:20 PM

CF

“ *I had the opportunity to work with Jay several times over the last few years at Salt Lake County. Although I was impressed with his knowledge what really made an impact on me was his kindness and how he treated me with respect and integrity. I am very sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathies to his family.*

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**Cheri Fazzio** - June 05, 2013 at 11:57 AM

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**Maxine Jarmon** - June 05, 2013 at 02:54 PM