



## John Hilton Cornwell

July 18, 1948 - May 18, 2025

John Hilton Cornwell, 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

John was born on July 18, 1948, in Provo, Utah, to Hilton Eldon Cornwell and Marie Harvey. He was the oldest of seven children and spent his early years in Blanding, Utah. He graduated from Orem High School and went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps, deploying to Chu Lai Air Base in Vietnam serving as an avionics repairman. After three years of honorable service and achieving the rank of Corporal, he was discharged and returned to Utah, earned a degree from Utah Tech and then attended the University of Utah.

John married and had five children: Alan, James, Stacie, Kevan, and Jason. He joined the Army National Guard, working in Aviation Forward Support, and also began a long career at Heckett Engineering in Orem as a heavy equipment operator, where he worked for 30 years. In 2001, he was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Southern Watch. He retired from the National Guard at the rank of First Sergeant.

In 1988, John married Marie Van Buren, blending their families and adding five more children: Jennie, Jake, Ben, Josh, and Sam. They later welcomed their youngest, Zachary. They lived in American Fork, Utah in the home they built themselves until moving to Spring City, Utah in 2019 where they built a

new home.

John had a lifelong love of sports. Go Cougs! He coached little league baseball, later umpired, and spent countless hours attending the sporting events of his children and grandchildren. He was also an avid builder and could often be found in his woodworking garage, bringing Marie's many project ideas to life.

John and Marie served an LDS mission in the Family Search Library from 2014 to 2016, and later volunteered for two summers at Heber Valley Girls Camp in 2017 and 2018.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Hilton Eldon Cornwell and Marie Harvey, and his brother, Alan. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marie Cornwell, and his siblings: Bruce (Allison) Cornwell, Melanie (David) Boles, Gary (Charlene) Cornwell, Jess Cornwell, and Amy (Mike) Isom. He leaves behind their children: Jennie (Kevin) Neff, Alan (Julie) Cornwell, Jake (Paula) Peay, James (Shauna) Cornwell, Ben (Julie) Peay, Stacie (Josh) Powell, Josh (Emily) Peay, Kevan Cornwell, Jason (Becky) Cornwell, Sam (Janell) Peay, and Zac (Kiersten) Cornwell. He is also survived by 37 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren—with more on the way.

Funeral services will be held on May 28th at the LDS Chapel located at 270 N 900 E, American Fork, UT. A viewing will be held from 10:00–11:30 a.m., with services to follow at 12:00 pm. Interment will take place at the Utah Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bluffdale, UT. Zoom link available upon request.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

American Fork 32nd Ward  
270 North 900 East  
American Fork, UT 84003

## Funeral Service

MAY 28. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

American Fork 32nd Ward  
270 North 900 East  
American Fork, UT 84003

## Graveside Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Utah Veterans Memorial Park - Camp Williams  
17111 S. Camp Williams Road  
Bluffdale, UT 84065

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jerry and Terry H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of John Hilton Cornwell.



Jerry and Terry H. - June 22, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KC

“ Dad, I know that we didn't always see eye-to-eye, but I have always known that you care about me. I know that now you have seen what I have even seen. Families are truly together forever. I am sure that your mom, dad, and little brother were there waiting to receive you. May you rest in peace.

Kevan Cornwell - May 26, 2025 at 12:41 AM

SA

“ Growing up, we would take a trip up to Provo to visit Grandma and Grandpa Cornwell. We would have a bbq in the back yard and Uncle John and his family would come over and join us. We loved our time with his family. Running around the big back yard our cousins , while Uncle John and my dad would catch up with their military stories.



Stephanie Avery - May 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM