



## Mel Knettel Shoell

July 23, 1936 - December 1, 2019

Mel Knettel Shoell, 83, passed away on December 1st, 2019 in West Valley City, Utah. He was born on July 23rd, 1936, to Father Robert K Shoell and Mother Ivy Rita Snyder Shoell, on a kitchen table in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mel had married the love of his life, Norma Marie Braithwaite on April 18th, 1958.

Mel was a dedicated Marine. He joined “SEMPER FI” on June 15th, 1953 and completed his duty June 15th 1957. Upon departure of his “duty of service”, Mel married Norma, and they shared 62 amazing years together. Mel and Norma had 5 kids, Dean, Gary, Sharon, Karen, and Trina. He was a “long-haul” truck driver for decades and became a contractor as well. Mel had driven trucks until the age of 82. He had enjoyed building ship models, going to horse races, fishing, hunting, camping, and spontaneous road trips (as he was known as a human GPS!) but most of all, spending time with his family.

Mel is survived by Norma Shoell, 2 brothers, and 4 sisters. He also survived by 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, and many others.

Mel is preceded in death by his Grandparents, Mother & Father, 2 sisters, and 1 son in law.

Mel's “celebration of life” will be held on January 18, 2020

12:30pm-3:30pm at:

Webster Center

8952 W 2700 S (or 8952 W Magna Main Street) Magna, UT 84044

Please bring memories and Stories. Lunch will be served.

Loving Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Friend and Grandpa, thank you for serving our country, and being the best person who came into many peoples lives. You were the best at telling stories.

After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the doctors predicted 3 months survival, but with that "SEMPER FI" spirit, thank you for fighting for 14 extra, as our time with you was not complete. Thank you for leaving a mark on each person who entered your life. Your laugh was contagious, and you always had a smile on your face. Each and every day, you will be missed dearly, we love you forever!!

# Previous Events

## Remembrance of Life

JAN 18. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Webster Center  
8952 West 2700 South  
Magna, UT 84044

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mel Knettel Shoell*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *RIP Uncle Mel  
Martin and Terri Johnson*

**Martin Johnson** - January 07, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ *I missed my flight to see grandpa this past October, so we FaceTimed instead. His exact words were “what kind of grandson misses his flight?! I combed my hair and everything!”. It’s hard to choose just one memory.*

*I’m so proud to be your grandson grandpa.*



**Tyler Hegemann** - December 05, 2019 at 03:42 PM



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Serenity Funeral Home - December 05, 2019 at 11:26 AM



“ Dave & Mardi Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mel Knettel Shoell



Dave & Mardi Johnson - December 05, 2019 at 10:02 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Mel*



Theresa Jensen - December 03, 2019 at 09:16 PM

TS

“ Dad I will forever miss your daily phone calls!!  
Your great stories!! I'm so happy this last year  
we were able to do a couple fun road trips!!  
My heart will never be the same! With out  
you. Love you



trina schmitt - December 03, 2019 at 07:54 PM

SS

“ You never failed to make me laugh. I loved the phone calls I would  
get from ya saying “Can you send another picture of you? I want to  
put it in the bathroom so the flys stay out” Man, you had an amazing  
sense of humor. I'm gonna miss you! We love you Grandpa.❤️

shaylee shoell - December 03, 2019 at 07:52 PM

KM

“ Dad they day you left it broke my heart! But I knew you were going  
to a better place. I'm so happy you were my dad. U taught me how  
to love people. And just to be happy and enjoy life. We had the best  
memories hunting and fishing. Cleaning our own fish. And listening  
to our country music. And I'm going to miss that call when you say  
is your finger broke. Because I hadnt called for awhile. My best  
memory is having the best dad. Love ya! Rest high on that  
mountain.

Karen matthews - December 03, 2019 at 07:35 PM

 Dan  
Gleason

“ The day Mel was diagnosed with cancer he looks over at us from  
his hospital bed and says “what the hell are you crying about?”  
That's so Mel, tough guy yet he was tender hearted!! 🥹 love that  
guy,  
Dan

Dan Gleason - December 03, 2019 at 07:00 PM



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**Serenity Funeral Home** - December 03, 2019 at 06:33 PM