



Norman Leon Moyes

December 22, 1942 - December 30, 2015

Norman Leon Moyes, 73, died on Dec. 30, 2015 at the Utah Valley Specialty Hospital in Provo, Utah. He was born on December 22, 1942, in Payette, Idaho to Maurice Reuben Moyes and June Beatrice Pyper. He first married Llona Crane in Salem, Oregon on July 7, 1962, and they had three children. This marriage ended in a divorce. He later married Doris Ann Mortensen in Salt Lake City, Utah on September 3, 1994.

Norman grew up in Baker City, Oregon. After High School, he moved to Provo, Utah to attend BYU, where he met Llona. He graduated from BYU in August of 1965 with a degree in child development and family relations. The young couple moved to Castle Dale, Utah, where Norman had been hired by the State of Utah as a social worker.

After two years, they returned to Provo so that Norman could pursue a master's degree in human development and family relations. He graduated with that degree in 1969, and he was hired by Chadron State College in northwestern Nebraska, to teach sociology, social work, and marriage & family. While in Nebraska, Norman began teaching adult education classes in genealogy. Each summer, he would lead seminars in genealogy, bringing groups to Salt Lake City who wanted to use the Family History Library.

When his four-year contract with Chadron State ended, Norman brought his

family to Orem, Utah to start his own business as a professional genealogist, specializing in Scottish ancestry.

Norman was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints his whole life, despite the challenges he faced as a child as the first active member of his family. His younger brother says it was through Norman's example that he himself began to attend regularly. As a member, Norman served in a number of capacities: stake Sunday School president; branch Seminary instructor; Family History teacher and consultant; Gospel Doctrine teacher.

Norman was influential in organizing a family organization that eventually included over 600 descendants of Robert Moyes and Elizabeth Hutchison, our first ancestors to join the LDS church in Scotland. This organization held an annual family reunion for many years and raised funds to research this family line.

Norman met his wife, Doris, a fellow professional genealogist, at the Family History library in Salt Lake City. They made their home in Orem, Utah, and combined their talents to form a business, Genealogical Search Services.

Norman is survived by his wife, Doris Ann Moyes, his daughter, Lise Moyes Christiansen (Nathan), of Orem, UT, his son, Leslyn Moyes (Cynthia Johanson), of Washington, UT, and his son, Jeffrey Moyes (Sharla Winder), of American Fork, UT. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren: Jonathan, Katja, and Jessica; Shanna, Andrew, Katie, Jeremy, April, Kimber, and Kyle; and Parker, Bryson, Jacob, and Emma.

Norman is also survived by three sisters and two brothers: Phyllis McDowell, of Logan, UT; Wanda Smith, of Baker City, OR; Becky Shorts (Roy), of Waldron, Arkansas; Phillip Moyes (Carol), of Springville, UT; and Nathan Irvin,

of Baker City, OR.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother, Robert Moyes; an infant sister, LouAnn Irvin; and his brother-in-law, Robert McDowell.

A funeral will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Lakeridge 1st Ward Chapel: 575 S 400 W, Orem, UT. A viewing will take place from 9 to 10:30 and interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery.

The family would like to thank: the staffs of the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, of Utah Valley Specialty Hospital, and the Orem Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility for the care and treatment of Norman.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com

Cemetery Details

Orem City Cemetery

1520 N 800 E
Orem, UT

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Lakeridge 1st ward
575 S 400 W
Orem, UT 84057

Funeral Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

Lakeridge 1st ward
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Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Leon Moyes*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Norman. I knew Norman from Baker, Oregon, my home town. We were students together at BYU in the 1960s. Llona and Norman lived in the basement of the Manookins (a music composer and Professor of BYU), where we heard the music coming from above as we played games. We would all meet in the Smith Fieldhouse for the forums and devotionals. Mostly we remember him as the Best Man at our wedding in 1963. We kept in touch for many years.
David and Glenna Wilson, Sandy, Utah*

Glenna H. Wilson - January 11, 2016 at 01:08 PM



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Lise - January 04, 2016 at 04:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Norman Leon Moyes.



January 02, 2016 at 08:41 PM

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“ I could write a book about Norman, I first met him when myself and my late husband Robert and 3 of my 4 children moved to Chadron, Nebraska in December 1970. Norman got me interested in genealogy. After he left I had members come to my home and I helped several get their 4 generations done...thanks to what I learned from Norman. We stayed in touch, When my husband retired we bought property in Arizona outside of Mesquite, Nevada, we moved from Salt Lake several moves and always stopped at Normans, spent the night several times we were always welcome I had a daughter that had moved to Salt Lake in the 80's I was able to spend a month with her and she would drop me off at Family History Library, back when you did your research on microfilm..we were in line together every morning and I always sat next to him in the Library and he helped me so much. His love for genealogy rubbed off on me way back then I worked on it until the 90's, when we sold our home in Hurricane, Utah and bought a motor home and traveled, but stay in touch with Norman no matter where we went. Oh the best part is on February 17, 1972, my husband was finally baptized and Norman baptised him at 11:00 , the whole branch came to see my husband baptized, we were all very close in Chadron, We lived there from 1970 to August 1978, when My husband was transferred to Tonopah, Nevada. We went to the Sale Lake Temple in April 1973 to be sealed Norman was living in Orem, then and came and went thru the Temple with us, plus all the members from the Chadron Branch, Chadron, Nebraska. We was a wonderful person and we never lost touch with him...I could write more but I want his family to know what a wonderful friend he was to us. Bob would not consider anyone else to baptize him. Keep all these memories with you at all times...I will never never forget Norman... Marylee Nurmi, Roswell, New Mexico

Marylee Nurmi - January 02, 2016 at 06:33 PM

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I will send a card later when I get past all our snow, I will send it to Orem, Utah

Marylee Nurmi - January 02, 2016 at 06:36 PM

DM

I've only just come across Norman's obituary. He was my best friend for a number of years at the SLC Library. We both specialized in Scottish genealogy and constantly collaborated. He was a distinctive and brilliant person. Every lunch time the two of us would sit together in the cafeteria and brainstorm about sources, methods, and the profession. Gradually the group grew from the two of us as more professional genealogists became interested in our discussions. Eventually, there were 20 or more sitting at two long tables once a week. The consensus grew that we wanted a national professional organization. Much of the original thinking came out of Norman's mind. That organization became the Association of Professional Genealogists, running strong 41 years later. I have thought much of Norman over the years, but lost track of him after I moved to California. If you would share this message with his family and friends, I would like them to know that he is still remembered fondly after all these years.
Dean L. McLeod

Dean L. McLeod - October 11, 2021 at 06:27 PM



Thank you, Dean! We remember you fondly, too! If memory serves, both your family and ours even went camping together on one occasion.

--Lise Moyes Christiansen

Lise Christiansen - October 21, 2022 at 10:08 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Pictures as a young man



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