



Robert Shields Dunyon

May 17, 1925 - October 5, 2024

Robert Shields Dunyon passed away on October 5, 2024, at the grand old age of 99, in Draper, Utah. This is the same city he was born in almost 100 years ago. He was holding out for his 100th birthday celebration next year, but life had other plans.

Robert came to earth on May 17, 1925, as the second son of Claudia Sandy Shields and Lawrence Cody Dunyon. He married Sharon Athena Webb (Kunkel) on April 10, 1964. He worked for the phone company almost all his working life and retired in 1985.

Dad had an instant family upon marriage as he became the father of Mark (9) and Sandy (6). He took to being a father like a sailor takes to the ocean. It was one fun vacation after another and he enjoyed these times as much as us kids—Grand Canyon, San Francisco, the California coast, the Redwoods, Disneyland, Yellowstone, just to name a few.

Robert and Sharon had two more children who wanted to join the fun: Jodi Lynne and Robert Christian. Sadness fell upon the family when Jodi passed away at age 3. It was a dark time, but Dad remained strong and kept his family moving forward.

Dad served in the Navy in WWII. He was the bugler onboard the USS

Fanshaw Bay. "He put the boys to sleep every night and woke them up the same way in the early light!" His bugle is still a family treasure. He fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle in WWII. We all loved hearing his stories of the war. We are proud and grateful for his service.

Robert attended Jordan High School before he joined the Navy. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and went through the temple for the first time when he was 87 years old. He was a man who had a testimony of a loving God and had never wavered in his faith of life after death.

Robert is survived by Mark (Michelle) Kunkel, Sandy (Kent) Nickell, Christian (Amy) Dunyon, six grandchildren: Heidi, James, Tye, Mark, Colby, and Rylan. He has thirteen great-grandchildren, one of which was born in July of this year. He has two loving nieces and a brother-in-law.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Sharon, his sweet daughter, Jodi, and many family members and was the last remaining of his siblings.

As Robert's family, we want to thank kind friends who came to visit him often—Morris Darrus and Mark Peterson. We want to thank Shauna and several others at Renew Hospice for their kind care and concern for Dad until his passing.

There will be a small service on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Serenity Funeral Home located at 13863 South 2700 West in Bluffdale, Utah. There will not be a viewing. Dad will be laid to rest at the South Jordan Cemetery located at 10630 South 1055 West in South Jordan.

Please share memories and condolences at www.serenityfhs.com.

Cemetery Details

South Jordan City Cemetery

10630 S 1055 W
South Jordan, UT 84095

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home of Bluffdale
13863 S 2700 W
Bluffdale, UT 84065
(801) 255-2801
<https://www.serenityfhs.com>

Tribute Wall

SG

“ i cared for robert at the lodge, it was a pleasure taking care of him, i will never forget his love and kindness. he just loved my little baby girl nova, and every time i brought her to visit he would always say “GIVE ME THAT BABY”, and he just wanted to hold her and talk to her. he was the sweetest with my little nova. i went to visit robert 3 weeks before his passing, he is truly missed. thank you robert for all the good laughs we had!! see you on the other side. ☐

sabrina gonzalez - October 10, 2024 at 10:56 PM

SN

Sabrina, thank you for this nice message. I am glad Dad was able to have a friend like you. And, yes, he loved babies. I'm glad he was able to hold and get to know Nova. Thank you for the care you gave him.
--Sandy Nickell

Sandy R Nickell - October 20, 2024 at 08:38 PM

CH

“ I was the second niece born into the Dunyon family. I have many fond memories of Uncle Bob. When he was employed with the phone company my sister and i would call him frequently just for fun and we would laugh and laugh!! He would take my sister and I to a local diner where he showed us off to his many friends and introduced us to the middle weight boxing champion Gene Fullmer!! Later on in years when Mom was alive he would come over every Sunday for strawberry waffles and sausages. Our Mom and Dad and I loved his company. He always had a story to tell!! I will miss him and our hearts are with the family and I know that our Mom was there to greet him with bells and whistles!! Love you Uncle Bob! ❤️

Claudia Hellstrom - October 10, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CH

“ *My love for Uncle Bob began as one of my earliest memories. I was the first niece born to the Dunyon family and I was surrounded by a profound love that has never left me.*

Uncle Bob would take my sister and I for ice cream on a regular basis and proudly introduced us to anyone in the parlor that was interested but, they were all interested because he knew everybody! He was a local hero.

Uncle Bob took Mom, me and my syblings to California for the first time and took us to Disneyland. He enjoyed watching all of us relish in the new experiences. He had a heart of gold and I loved him very much. My thoughts and prayers are with his family whom I love as well. I thank God for all of them. See you on the other side, my dear Uncle Bob!

*Love,
Candace*

Candace Hellstrom-Kinder - October 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM

GP

“ *1 file added to the album Uncle Bob in the Navy*



GP - October 09, 2024 at 07:25 PM

SP

Chris, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

sharon peake - October 09, 2024 at 09:48 PM