



Ronald Gene Kent

April 12, 1942 - July 16, 2017

Ronald Gene Kent, age 75, passed away July 16, 2017, in Sandy, Utah.

Born April 12, 1942 in Lewiston, Utah. Son of Dexter Dean and Wilma Mendenhall Kent. His early years were spent in Utah, Idaho, and California. He graduated from North Cache High School in 1960. He faithfully served in the LDS Edinburgh, Scotland Mission from 1961-1963 under President Bernard P. Brockbank. Following brief stints at Ricks College and Weber State University, he ultimately graduated from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications.

While attending Brigham Young University, Ronald was introduced to the “farmer’s daughter” Laraine Johnson who resided in Lake View, Utah. Ronald and Laraine were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple on April 16, 1965.

Shortly after graduation from BYU, Ronald began working for Mountain Bell/US West and was relocated to Denver, Colorado, where Ronald and Laraine and their children created life-long friends. After Ronald’s retirement from US West in 1990, the Kent family returned to Utah where Ronald worked for UTA as a bus driver until 2016. The Kents have made Sandy, Utah their home for the past 27 years.

Ronald loved languages - studying Latin and Greek in college, and spent hours memorizing scriptures, poems, and lyrics to songs that caught his attention. He was a devout member of the LDS Church with unwavering faith. He found great joy in studying the New Testament. Ronald exemplified a life of service. Ronald loved his wife with all of his heart, and took great pride in his children. His physical presence will be missed by many.

Survived by his wife Laraine, children: Jeff Ronald (Shelley) Kent, Todd Ryan Kent, Eryn Elizabeth Kent, Michael Dean Kent, Mark Nathan (Kortnie) Kent, Erika Kent (Tim) Maness, 13 grandchildren with one on the way; Josephine Kent Kleinman (sister), Eunice Kent (sister-in-law), and Harlan Christmas (brother-in-law).

Preceded in death by his parents, Seth David Kent (son), Dexter Dean Kent (brother), Luanne Kent Christmas (sister), and Charles Kleinman (brother-in-law).

The funeral will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the LDS chapel at 2400 East Alta Canyon Drive, Sandy, Utah. There will be a viewing that morning starting at 9:30 a.m., as well as the previous day, Friday, July 21, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the same building. Interment will follow the funeral at the Memorial Mountain View Cemetery, 3115 Bengal Blvd., Cottonwood Heights, Utah.

Share condolences to the family at www.serenityfhs.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **22**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Mountain View Memorial Estates
3115 Bengal Blvd
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121

Tribute Wall

EE

“ *What a man, they just don't make um like that anymore....
That is my father!*

EEK - October 30, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TK

“ *My best friend* ❤️

Todd Kent - November 20, 2024 at 09:43 PM

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*What a man.... i thank God for him and the great great great man he is.
My father, my provider on this earth, my moms companion.
Gods got them. I am greatly blessed.*

EEK - October 30, 2025 at 02:10 PM

SK

“ *What an enjoyable and bright cousin! I never could beat him at
Monopoly. We had dirt clod fights and climbed the bamboos at his
Manteca, CA, farm, and went swimming in the ditch. I loved him!*

Sharon Kent - November 24, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Ronald Gene Kent*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ Dear Laraine & family,

We were saddened Sunday when we learned that our good friend passed away, but grateful that he didn't suffer. We offer our condolences to you and your extended family, your children and grandchildren who have been so blessed by you and Ron. He influenced everyone and provided so much unselfish service to so many throughout his life. We will miss him and our frequent brief visits in the early morning hours at sites of various sprinkler issues Ron was solving or inspecting, including our own. May you have peace and calmness during this difficult time. We won't be able to join with you this Saturday but wanted to let you know how much we respected Ron and our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

*Love,
Lowell and Susan Elmer*

Lowell & Susan ELMER - July 20, 2017 at 01:18 PM