...God looked down on His planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker."

Fo God made a **FARMER** 

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields and milk cows again.
I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. I need somebody who'll bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who will laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does.'" SO GOD MADE A FARMER.



## BRUCE AUGUST WALLIN

May 22, 1943 ~ December 30, 2023

SON OF Ralph William Wallin and Marie Matilda Wellington



MEMORIAL SERVICE Thursday, January 11, 2024 ~ 11:00 a.m. Larkin Sunset Gardens 1950 East Dimple Dell Road Sandy, Utah

Opening Prayer	Gavin Wallin, son
Obituary Reading	Taggart Brown, son
Closing Prayer	Darren Brown, son
Dedication of Grave	Dustin Wallin, son

\*\*Due to weather conditions, we will have an open mic during the luncheon if anyone would like to share memories of Bruce.

Family luncheon to immediately follow at The Chateau at Le Jardin 1910 East Dimple Dell Road Sandy, Utah



Bishop Aaron Smith, Presiding/Conducting

OrganistNikki Smith
Chorister Laurel Smith Williams
Opening Hymn #204 "Silent Night"
Opening PrayerThomas Sanford
Introduction Bishop Aaron Smith-Oquirrh Point 3rd Ward
Thoughts on Dad Diana Semon Vandergriff
Organ Solo "Little Prelude in F Major" by JS Bach
Reading Kevin Semon
Thoughts on DadJim Semon
Closing RemarksBishop Aaron Smith
Closing Hymn#165 "Abide With Me, 'Tis Eventide"
Closing PrayerEthan Semon

Interment-Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery

## Pallbearers

Jim Semon Kevin Semon Gregg Vandergriff Alex Semon Ethan Semon Andrew Sanford Dennis Searcy Zach Deardorff Andrew Rafferty Louis Bonilla

## Honorary Pallbearers

Thomas Sanford Lex Sanford Jackson Deardorff

## A Life Story

Donald Lawrence Semon was born May 7, 1934, in Aurora, Illinois, to Lawrence Nicholas Semon and Mary Genevieve Miller. The family lived in Wheaton and West Chicago, before settling in Naperville, Ill. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul Grammar School and Naperville High School. He was actively involved in music in church, school and community playing organ, piano and drums. He then attended University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana on a choir scholarship where he met his future wife, Dee. He studied electrical engineering. Health concerns ended his college work, and he worked for Motorola and as a painter before accepting military service in 1957. His military work involved electronics and working on a Nike missile project. While posted to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, he fell in love with the Colorado mountains. It became his desire to live there. He and Dolores Ann Uebele were married on August 29, 1959 in River Forest, Illinois. They worked in the Chicago area until June 1960. Don accepted work with Ent AFB- NORAD in Colorado Springs, CO. While in Colorado Springs, they became parents to three children, Diana Kay, James Brian, and Kevin Scott. Don worked at Ent AFB working in conjunction with NORAD on various missile projects. After that, he left civil service and worked with several companies that dealt with traffic control systems. He was able to incorporate his knowledge of electronics and systems to design several traffic control and data systems devices. In the 1980's he became Facilities Manager for El Paso County. While in that position he helped finalize the design and construction of the new Pikes Peak Center Performance Hall in downtown Colorado Springs.

Don and Dee were a great team, serving in a variety of churches as organist and choir director. They collaborated on many projects such as ecumenical concerts, and community activities.

Don also worked with the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists as President several years and as a representative for Allen Organs.

Don and Dee investigated and joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in 1974 with their children and were sealed in the Manti, Utah Temple in 1975. It was at this time that they became interested in genealogical research. The two of them worked for many years researching and documenting the family lines.