

Larry Leon Piatt, our favorite leftie and sports enthusiast, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on 12 Aug 2021, after battling Alzheimer's for several years.

Larry was born on 5 May 1938 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Leon Lafayette and Hazel Frances (Hile) Piatt. At a young age Larry gained a love for baseball from spending time with his father who coached him in Little League. In 1956, Larry was in the first graduating class of Northwest Classen High School. He earned a master's degree in geology from Oklahoma University and worked as a geologist at Texaco Oil for several years. He later left his lucrative career and ventured to Utah to pursue his passion for family history. He attended BYU and received a second bachelor's degree – this time in genealogy.

Larry was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at age 42 and remained a devoted member throughout his life, serving in many callings.

Larry married Dolly Sue Worthington on 6 Jun 1980, and they were later sealed in the Jordan River temple on 6 Mar 1984. Larry instantly became a father to Dolly's children, John, Shauna, and Justin, and he loved them completely. Eventually, Larry and Dolly welcomed daughter, Emily, and son, Jacob.

Larry had an incredible mind; he was a human 'Google' when it came to genealogical or sports statistics. He was a die-hard college sports fan and had a brilliant talent for contributing relevant sports data to any topic of conversation. Example: when asked if he had plans for the weekend, his reply would have been something like, "Same thing as OU Coach Switzer did this very weekend in 1985... I'm getting ready for the big game!" Larry remained a devoted Sooner and Cougar fan, often wearing both blue and crimson sports attire simultaneously. But the only two times in history that BYU played OU, Larry attended in person and cheered for his alma mater, The Sooners.

Larry was a highly respected AG® (accredited) genealogist. He was a member of various organizations and taught classes at Worldwide Genealogical conferences. He was part owner for many years of the Institute of Family Research and served as president from 1978-1980, and later worked for the Family History Library (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) in management and other various capacities until he retired in 2010. Some of his career highlights include managing teams of professional researchers who completed family history projects for Johnny Carson, Alex Haley, Elvis Presley, and Walt Disney. In 1977, Alex Haley appeared on the Tonight Show and presented Johnny Carson with his personal family history, which Larry and a team of researchers impressively produced in just 48 hours after a last-minute request from Mr. Haley. Johnny Carson was rendered speechless, which was a rare event!

Upon Larry's retirement, he received a letter from The First Presidency of the LDS Church which read, "Your life-long dedication to family history and research has blessed the lives of thousands of members and patrons around the globe as they searched for their kindred dead and provided them with saving temple ordinances."

Larry served for many years as an officer in the Sons of The American Revolution organization, including president of the Utah Chapter.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents Lafe and Hazel Piatt, and his granddaughter Elaine Yorgason.

We would like to thank our beloved friends and family who have supported Larry throughout his lifetime, especially Dave Zolman (his brother from another mother), and all the medical staff at Anthology Memory Care of South Jordan who cared for him this past year.

In Loving Memory of



LARRY LEON PIATT

1938 ~ 2021

LARRY LEON PIATT

BORN

May 5, 1938 ~ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

DIED

August 12, 2021 ~ South Jordan, Utah

SON OF

Leon Lafayette Piatt & Hazel Frances Hile Piatt

HUSBAND OF

Dolly Sue Worthington

FUNERAL SERVICES

Thursday, August 19, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

Larkin Sunset Gardens

1950 East Dimple Dell Road

Sandy, Utah

PALLBEARERS

Jacob Piatt

Justin Yorgason

John Yorgason

Hyrum Yates

Josh Yorgason

Ruben Piatt

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Jacob Yorgason

David Zolman

Jeff Arnold

Bryce Yorgason

Scott Newton

Tony Yorgason

SERVICES

Family Prayer..... Jacob Piatt

Prelude Music Jordan Nemelka

Welcome..... Shauna Nemelka

Opening Song..... *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Opening Prayer Justin Yorgason

Speaker..... Jacob Piatt

Speaker..... Emily Piatt

Speaker..... John Yorgason

Musical Number.....*The Prayer*

Sung by Shauna, Jordan, Jessica and Anna Nemelka

Guitar accompaniment by Jordan Nemelka

Speaker..... Dave Zolman

Closing Song..... *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Closing Prayer Jordan Nemelka


Postlude Music..... Shauna Nemelka

Dedication of the Grave..... David Zolman

INTERMENT

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COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING




Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR



I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

~ Chorus ~
I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Ev'ry hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!

I need thee ev'ry hour;
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh.

~ Chorus ~

I need thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain.
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

~ Chorus ~

I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

~ Chorus ~