Gayle's Obituary

Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, realtor, bishop, entrepreneur, and friend- Ruben Gayle Winterrose lived a life defined by service, integrity, and generosity. He believed that "a man's true wealth is the good he does in this world", and his life was a testament to that principle.

Gayle was born on May 25, 1931, in Cedar City, Utah, to Jennie Middleton and Reuben Emmanuel Winterrose. He graduated from Cedar City High School before attending Utah State University in Logan, where he studied business. He later completed graduate studies at the University of Utah and remained a devoted Utes fan throughout his life.

While in college, Gayle developed an interest in the ROTC program and graduated as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. In 1952, he married the love of his life, Carolyn Young, in the Manti Utah Temple, beginning a marriage that would span 74 years and be blessed with a loving family.

The first nine years of their marriage were spent serving in the Air Force. Gayle completed flight training in Florida, Oklahoma, and Texas, becoming a skilled pilot of multi-engine aircraft and bombers. During the height of the Cold War, he faithfully served his country during a time of great uncertainty and international tension.

After leaving military service, Gayle continued his passion for aviation by flying commercially for United and Continental Airlines. Though he enjoyed flying, he eventually felt drawn back to Utah, where he began the next chapter of his career in real estate. He continued to fly his family in his own private plane for years to follow.

As a real estate broker and entrepreneur, Gayle found genuine satisfaction in helping families achieve the American dream of homeownership. He had a remarkable ability to guide people through the financing process, making home ownership possible for many who otherwise thought it out of reach. His vision extended beyond real estate sales as he identified promising opportunities for development, building apartment communities and residential subdivisions. Through hard work, careful planning, and sound judgment, he built a successful business founded on honesty, wise investments, and a steadfast belief that real property provided lasting security.

Gayle's greatest legacy, however, was one of service. A faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he was called to organize a new singles ward as bishop. He loved serving the young adults in his congregation, and many of those relationships grew into lifelong friendships. He later served as bishop of the Cottonwood First Ward, where he continued to minister with compassion, wisdom, and genuine love for those in his care.

Above all else, Gayle cherished his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn Young Winterrose; his children, Jan (Ron) Noel, Marty (DeAnna) Winterrose, Jenny (Devon) Wesenberg, Lynn (Wes) Meier, and Marcia (Craig) Henriksen; 18 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and his dear sister, Jackie Winterrose Fullmer.



Honoring The Life of

Ruben Gayle Winterrose

1931 ~ 2026

Ruben Gayle Winterrose

Born
May 25, 1931 - Cedar City, Utah

Died
July 30, 2026 - Holladay, Utah

Son of
Reuben Emmanuel Winterrose
and Jennie Middleton

Husband of
Carolyn Young Winterrose

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Funeral Services

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - 11:00 A.M.
Cottonwood 1st Ward
5913 South Highland Drive
Holladay, Utah

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Pallbearers

Tyler Belliston
Wade Belliston
Brad Belliston
Chad Barnes
Weston Meier
Jantzen Meier
Chase Meier
Jarrett Henriksen
Jake McQueen
Jordan McQueen
Taylor McQueen
Britton Winterrose
Channing Winterrose
Morgan Winterrose
Dain Winterrose
Trevor Symes

Services

Bishop Bessinger, Conducting

Family Prayer ..... Marty Winterrose

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Prelude and Postlude Music ..... Lee Ann Bennion
Chorister ..... Wayne Bennion
Organist ..... Lee Ann Bennion
Opening Hymn ..... #219
"Because I Have Been Given Much"
Invocation ..... Jenny Wesenberg
Talk ..... Jackie Fullmer (sister)
Violin Number ..... Jacqueline Jensen
"Nearer, My God, to Thee"
Accompanied by Cristi Valentine
Talk ..... Jan Noel (daughter)
Talk ..... Brad Belliston (grandson)
Musical Number ..... Angie Vanscoyk (niece)
"I Will Walk With Jesus"
Accompanied by Jill Allen
Talk ..... Cless Young (brother-in-law)
Closing Hymn ..... #220
"Lord, I Would Follow Thee"
Benediction ..... Ron Noel

Interment

Larkin Sunset Gardens
1950 East Dimple Dell Road
Sandy, Utah

Military Honors ..... United States Air Force
Dedication of Grave ..... George Young