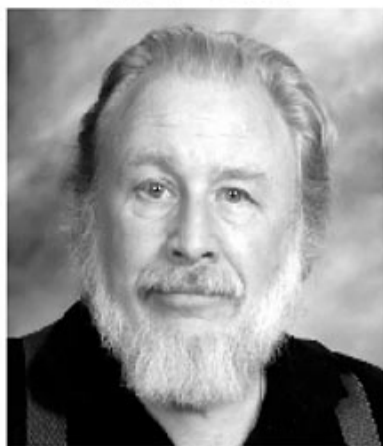


OBITUARIES

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Don Spence Harper, Jr.
1938 ~ 2010



Loving husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Don Spence Harper, Jr., stepped through the veil and left mortality the 30th of December, 2010, after a long illness.

Don was the son of Don Spence Harper, Sr. and Rene Alice Hart. He was born on the 31st of August, 1938, in Salt Lake City, Utah. After 23 years of falling in love, he married his childhood sweetheart, Billie Mavoureen, the 22nd of December, 1966, for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple. Together they have five children: Don Spence Harper, III (Alicia), Holly Hamson (Steve), Rebecca Ahlquist (Gregory), Guy Russell Harper, and Matthew Hart Harper. Don and Mavoureen also have 14 beautiful grandchildren.

Don served in the United States Navy as an Officer for 23 years circling the globe in submarines, commanding a dry dock, and working as an engineer and executive officer. His Naval career led his family criss-crossing across the United States and to Scotland. After retiring from the Navy, he worked as an engineer for General Dynamics in Groton, CT for several years before taking on the challenge of teaching AP physics, math, electronics, and photography at Alta High School for ten years. During his tenure at Alta HS, Don entered into service at the Jordan River Temple where he and his wife served for four years.

Don served faithfully in the LDS church for over 40 years and never turned down a calling.

Don will be remembered as an intelligent and funny gentleman, finding humor in every situation. He always had a sea story ready and was "never a dull date." Adventure followed Don wherever he went, and truth being told, he pursued adventure more than once! His family and friends celebrate a life which was marked by great curiosity, a love for learning, service, work, and humor.

Don will be missed by all those who knew and loved him but will be sustained by the sweet knowledge that "all things shall be restored to their proper order, everything to its natural frame-mortality to immortality...raised to endless happiness to inherit the kingdom of God."

Funeral services will be Monday, January 3, 2011 at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S., 11:00 a.m. Family and friends may call at the mortuary from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Online condolences may be made at www.larkincare.com

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John Woodruff Butterfield
"Woody"



John Woodruff Butterfield, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, peacefully passed away Dec. 29, 2010 from cancer.

Born March 3, 1926 to John Edward and Gladys Eliza Hanson Butterfield in Herriman, Utah. He married his sweetheart Donna Nelson Sept. 28, 1954 in South Jordan, Utah. Marriage later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple on Sept. 28, 1959. Recently celebrated their 56th anniversary.

Woody graduated from Jordan High School then went on to become a lifelong poultry farmer. He also worked for Beesley Music and Kennecott Copper. Woody was a gifted pianist. People loved to hear him play and often asked him to share that talent with them. Everyone appreciated his quick wit and sense of humor. His humor and wit sustained us through the hardest of times. He was a brilliant mathematician.

Woody was a devoted member of the LDS church. He served as financial clerk, High Priest group leader, Bishop and High Councilman. He and Donna were called on an Inner City mission. They served at the Jordan River Temple for many years. His love of the Savior was obvious.

He is survived by wife Donna and five children Celeste (Steve) Giron, Gordon (Valerie) Butterfield, Milton Butterfield, Elizabeth (Randy) Merrill, Gladys (Karen) Butterfield, 17 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and his brother Preston. He is preceded in death by his brothers Glen and Sherwood.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Herriman Utah West Stake Center, 13768 S. Rose Canyon Rd. Friends may call Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Broomhead Funeral Home, 12600 S. 2200 W., and one hour prior at the church, interment at Herriman Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers show a kindness to lift someone's burden.
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Brian Cullen Deswood
4/8/1976 ~ 12/26/2010

Brian Cullen Deswood, 35, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, in Salt Lake City.

He was born April 8, 1976, in Shiprock, NM. Brian graduated from Kirtland Central High School with the class of 1994. Brian was a loving older brother and son, who loved to spend time with his family and friends. He loved Star Wars and had a passion for collecting Star Wars memorabilia, rare comics and toys. He will be missed by many friends and family members.

He is survived by his parents, Cecil and Jennie Deswood; his sisters, Melissa Andersen and Celeste Deswood; and three nephews, Damien, Tavyn, and Shawn; paternal grandmother, Ruth Lee; and maternal grandmother, Margaret Platner.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at the Kirtland 5th Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Kirtland, NM.

Those who wish to send condolences to the family may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com. Arrangements are with Cope Memorial Kirtland Chapel, 458 County Road 6100, Kirtland, NM 87417 (505) 598-9636.

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Susan T. Dayton
1951 ~ 2010



The remarkable life of Susan Thompson Dayton ended at age 59 on December 30, 2010 due to complications of breast cancer. She left this life like she lived it, peacefully, and surrounded by loved ones.

Born on June 27, 1951 to Jimmie and Beverly Thompson, she spent her early years attending Draper Grade and Middle Schools. Her interest in dance was ignited at the age of three when she began dancing with her brother James. When she wasn't dancing, she was teaching young girls how to move with her same elegance and grace. She graduated from Jordan High School in 1969 where she was elected Homecoming Queen and served as a cheerleader for three years.

In college she was selected a member of the BYU Young Ambassadors performing group which took her around the world: Touring through the United States and Canada, and also with the USO throughout Europe. Dancing also brought her to the love of her life Merrill Dayton, a singer in the Young Ambassadors. They would marry for eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on June 8, 1973. Together they built a family of five sons. While her accomplishments were many, she considered her family her first priority and greatest calling. While she only bore sons, she found surrogate daughters wherever she went. From daughters-in-law, nieces, to guests at her home, she always had a home full and considered the most important talent of a good host was to make people feel welcome. Her ability to host large groups with seeming ease was legendary.

Her life was defined by grace, in dress, in movement and in action. Susan always dressed with style, even through chemotherapy wearing beautiful outfits with colorful scarves. But for Susan, grace and style was about more than just clothing.

Susan got her teaching certificate and bachelor's degree in Physical Education with a Dance emphasis in 1973 from BYU. She dedicated her life to teaching children and advocating on their behalf. Wherever she lived, she taught young girls to dance and was always involved in the PTA. Her husband's career as a surgeon took them from Los Angeles, California, to Iowa City, Iowa, to Holladay, Utah. When selected as Utah State PTA president from 2002-2003, she advocated for children, for education, and for families. She was designated a "Point of Light" by Governor Mike Leavitt in recognition for her work. She ran a campaign for Utah State Senate and also worked with the Granite Education Foundation.

When her husband's career took them to Buffalo, New York where he was recruited to be the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at SUNY Buffalo, Susan immediately began hosting large groups of surgery residents, medical students and faculty, winning the love and respect of all of them. In Buffalo Susan was asked to be President of the Worldwide Organization for Women (WOW) representing women and children at the UN, and sponsoring development projects around the world. She also worked with the Network of Religious Communities in Buffalo New York, where she was asked to serve as president shortly before her latest recurrence of cancer. Wherever she went, she built coalitions of talented women who wanted to make the world better. She never walked alone, and when she walked with friends, they talked about how to make the world better. She built dozens of small clubs, committees and teams of women: Book clubs, young mothers' groups, empty nesters, spouses of doctors.

A member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Susan constantly sought to serve her Father in Heaven and His children. She served wherever she was called, from road shows to family history, but often found herself in Young Women's and Relief Society, her most recent calling was as the Stake Relief Society President of the Buffalo New York Stake. She loved serving there but loved more traveling across the state in that calling with her sweetheart. She brought flair and grace everywhere she went. Shortly before her passing she was honored by the National Rotary club and also received the Presidents Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama.

Susan accomplished more in her short life than most of us will if we live twice as long.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Merrill Dayton; her five exceedingly handsome sons, Cameron (Erin), Hanson, Brandon (Annie), Adrian (Natalie) and Ethan; five grandchildren; her parents, Jimmie and Beverly Thompson; her siblings, James, Cynthia (Eric Giles) and Kerry (Cynthia).

Susan loved dancing, cinnamon bears, Neco wafers, strawberry shortcake and the color red. She loved family trips to Lake Powell where she wore the nickname "Queen of the Sea". She taught us all that the quickest route to joy was a life full of work, service, and love. There are not words sufficient to describe her. She was the heart of our family, and our world will not be the same without her.

Funeral Services will be Tuesday, January 4th, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at the Cottonwood Stake Center located at 1816 East 6400 South in Salt Lake City. Viewings will be at the Cottonwood Stake Center Monday, January 3rd, 2011 from 6-9 p.m. and Tuesday morning from 10-11:30 a.m. Interment: Larkin Sunset Gardens.

Flowers can be sent to the Jenkins-Soffe Mortuary at 4760 S. State Street or you can donate to the World Wide Organization of Women. www.wowinfor.org
Online condolences may be shared at www.jenkins-soffe.com

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Brigham D. Madsen
1914 ~ 2010



Brigham D. Madsen, prominent Utah historian and long-time chronicler of the American West, died December 24, 2010 at the age of 96 from causes incident to age.

"Brig" as he was known to his friends, or "Dwaine" as he was called by his relatives, was born in Magna, Utah October 21, 1914 to Brigham and Lydia Cushing Madsen.

The oldest of five children, Brig was preceded in death by his siblings: Anne Carter, Phyllis Eldredge, Mack Madsen and Rod Madsen. Most of his formative years were spent in Pocatello, Idaho where he learned the building business from his father. He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1932 and took a junior college degree from what was then Idaho State College in 1934. He then served an LDS mission in rural Tennessee and North Carolina where he built two modest chapels. He graduated from the University of Utah in 1938 where he met his future wife, Betty McAllister. He spent a year as principal of Pingree High School in Idaho. Immediately after their marriage in 1939 they moved to California where Brig pursued graduate studies in American History at the University of California, Berkeley, supporting his growing family by first working as a night watchman and later by building "Victory Ships" at the Oakland shipyards during the early days of World War II.

Brig felt the call to service of his country and joined the army, he was a Training Officer at Fort Benning Officer Candidate School, later as a First Lieutenant in the infantry in the European theater. At the close of the war he served on the General Staff as Chief of the Historical Section of the 3rd Army. That appointment enabled him to travel all over post-war Europe collecting important documents, interviewing major figures and attending important events. Among these were the Nuremberg trials, which greatly affected his view of the world. Brig returned to Berkeley at the end of his service to receive his PhD in 1948, focusing his dissertation on "The Bannoch of Idaho" because of his interest in Native American history and that of his childhood home. Despite a number of job offers from across the country, Brig signed on as one of two new professors in the fledgling History Department at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. From 1948-1954 he taught history at BYU, but was troubled throughout his tenure there by philosophical differences with the university administration. With a growing family to support Brig continued to work in the construction business with his father and brothers, joining them on weekends and during the summer, building single and multiple dwelling units. In 1954 he resigned his university appointment and returned full time to the building business serving as president when Madsen Brothers Construction Company was formally incorporated in 1957.

These were, in Brig's words "years of intellectual famine" and he was moved to return to the academic world of research and teaching in 1961, taking an appointment at Utah State University. While there, Brig became involved in training Peace Corps volunteers and he moved to Washington where he served as an assistant Director of Training for the Peace Corps and, later, Director of Training for the VISTA program. The high point in Brig's life was proudly joining Martin Luther King, Jr.'s March on Washington and listening to his "I have a dream" speech, "the greatest speech I ever heard in my life."

This administrative experience, together with a background running a construction company led to a series of positions in the University of Utah administration when Brig returned to academia in 1965. He served first as Dean of Continuing Education, then Deputy Academic Vice President before spending several years as Administrative Vice President and Director of Libraries.

The University was undergoing a building boom during those years, and Brig's blend of academic and construction experience meant he had a major hand in the development of the campus. Throughout this period of administrative overload he was also a Professor in the History Department, teaching courses as time allowed. He longed to return to teaching and writing full time, and, after a brief stint as chairman of the department, he was finally able to do so in 1975. He was successful at both, twice winning the university's Distinguished Teaching Award and publishing 11 books between 1979-1986. Two of the latter received the best non-fiction book of the year award given by Westerners International. In many of these his work continued to focus on Native American history such as The Lemhi: Sacajawea's People, The Northern Shoshoni, The Shoshoni Frontier and the Bear River Massacre, and Chief Pocatello: "The White Plume." Due to his significant research and writing about the Shoshoni Indians he was proud to be named an honorary member of the Northern Shoshoni Indian tribe. After his retirement in 1984 Brig continued to write and lecture well into his 90's. He received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from the University of Utah in 1998. He was a founder and life-long member of the Utah Westerners and was instrumental in the founding of the Utah Humanities Council.

In 1997, his wife Betty died after a lingering illness and he was remarried several years later to Lola Kastler. Soon after their marriage she unexpectedly passed away. He married Mary Harriman in 2003 with whom he enjoyed a loving, caring relationship.

Brigham D. Madsen is survived by his wife Mary, his daughter Karen Loos, Alameda, CA, his son David and wife Evelyn of Austin, TX, daughter Linda and husband John Dunning, Cottonwood Creek, UT and son Steve and wife Deb of Carlsbad, CA and five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and by Mary's son Bill, daughter Mary Lynda Smith and grandchildren.

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Brigham Dwaine Madsen was a big, gregarious, happy man who loved life, song and the pursuit of historic reality. A man of many interests and a believer in the value of hard work, he loves working with both his hands and his mind. He charmed virtually everyone he met and was loved by many, students, colleagues, friends and family alike. He will be greatly missed.
A memorial service will be held at Larkin Sunset Lawn, Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Visiting hours from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with burial following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the University of Utah Department of History Teaching Assistants Fund, 215 S. Central Campus Dr. SLC, UT 84112 or the Utah Humanities Council, 202 W. 300 N., SLC, UT 84103.

MaryLou Schroeder Mash
1918 ~ 2010

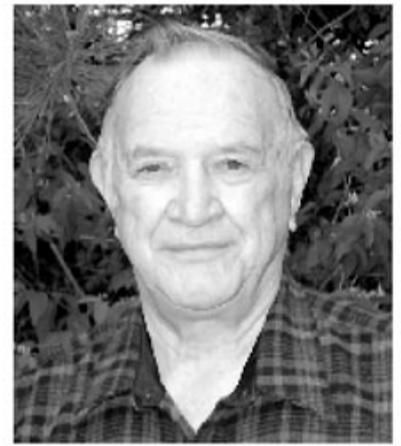
MURRAY, UTAH - Our beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, MaryLou Mash, age 92, passed away Thursday, December 30, 2010 from causes incident to age.

Born May 11, 1918, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Oscar and Mida Rush Schroeder. She married Anthony P. Mash (Tony) on February 18, 1939 in Ogden, Utah.

Tony preceded her in death in 1979. She is survived by her son, David, Murray; and daughter, Joan Taylor, Price; grandchildren Christine (Blair) Allred, Salt Lake City; Karen (Layne) Miller, Price; Cathy (Todd) Richardson, Price; great grandchildren, Taylor Miller, Ashley (Ed) Elliott, Austin Allred, Travis, Tanner and Trey Richardson; great-great-grandchild Brinlee Elliott and Kaycee Richardson; brother Bruce (Beth) Schroeder, and sisters Merl Broadbent, Dixie (James) Fraser, and Shirley Sheldon.

To honor Mary Lou's wishes, there will be no funeral. She has donated her remains to the University of Utah Medical Research Department. In remembrance of Mary Lou, contributions may be made to the University of Utah Medical Research Division.

Gene Murdell Richards
1933 ~ 2010



Gene Murdell Richards, age 77, passed away December 29, 2010 from natural causes in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Easter Sunday, April 16, 1933 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to John Alton Richards and LaVetta B. Clifford. He graduated from Blackfoot High School excelling in many sports along the way. He served an LDS mission for two and a half years in Brazil. On September 17, 1957 he was sealed to Ann Hughes in the Salt Lake Temple. He attended Brigham Young University on a football scholarship and graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in 1961. He joined the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant where he ultimately earned the rank of Captain. He practiced dentistry in Holladay, Utah from 1963-1997.

Gene loved being with family, coaching his children's sports teams and watching his children and grandchildren excel in their various endeavors. He enjoyed his time at Lake Powell and spending time with friends and loved participating in plays and musicals. He served faithfully in numerous church callings including Bishop and High Councilman and in his later life served two more church missions. He was renowned for his many stories and jokes. Gene loved his country and was especially fond of the symbol of the bald eagle, of which he had a vast collection.

Gene's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Doctors, Nurses, and staff at the VA Hospital who took such special care of Gene in his last days.

Gene was survived by his wife, Ann Hughes Richards, his children: Lisa Roush, Holly Cowdell (husband Mark), David Richards, Brent Richards (wife Christi), Eric Richards (wife Christi), Cynthia Richards, his sister Linda Thurman (husband Erven), 14 grandchildren and one and a half great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Ray.
Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday, January 3, 2011 at the Winder 2nd Ward Chapel, 1361 E. 4000 S., in Salt Lake City. Viewings will be held Sunday, January 2, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Winder 2nd Ward Chapel and Monday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. prior to services. Interment, Elysian Burial Gardens.
Online condolences may be shared at www.premierfuneral.com

Muriel Lennon Torrance
(Marion)



Muriel Lennon Torrance (Marion), married David Kenneth Torrance (deceased). Beloved mother, grandmother, and aunt passed on December 31 2010.
Survived by son Robert (Jeri), many grandchildren, and nephews and nieces.
Born in Harlem New York in 1926, she was all spit and fire to everyone who knew her.

Samuel Keith McBride
1920 ~ 2010



Samuel Keith McBride passed away peacefully of natural causes December 26, 2010, and was reunited with his Sweet Lorraine. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 24, 1920, to Samuel McBride and Jennie Exeriel Putnam. Graduated from West High School. Attended the Salt Lake Trade Technical Institute and became a master electrician for the IBEW Local 354 in 1940. Worked 45 years until retirement and received his 70-year member pin this year.

On October 2, 1946, he married his sweetheart, Idella Lorraine Kilpatrick. They had four children and enjoyed 41 years together. They were active in their community, serving as officers of the Western Boys Baseball Association and the Northwest Multipurpose Center.

Sam was devoted to his family, calling them one of his greatest accomplishments. He was a seeker of knowledge, a peaceful voice of reason, and a dedicated father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His life was full of learning, gratitude, and concern for others. He loved to read and distributed thousands of books to share the sacred writings that directed his life. For his generosity, he received the Johnny Anpleased Award from the Swedenborg Foundation of West Chester, PA. He humbly called himself "Servant and Friend of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of all" and desired only to be useful. He saw goodness in all men, truth in all religions, and beauty in everything around him. His kindness and compassion were a light in the darkness and a refuge from the storms of the world. From all who knew Sam, we say "Thanks, Lord."

Survived by his son Samuel (Annette) McBride Jr., daughters Lauren (David) Mullen and Colleen (Jerry) Randall, daughter-in-law Diana McBride, 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, sister Marie Hemingway. Preceded in death by his parents, wife, son Mark McBride, brother Ralph McBride, and grandson Brian Keith McBride.

A celebration of his life will be held Monday, January 3, 2011, at 12 noon at Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple. A viewing will be held Sunday, January 2, 2011, at Larkin Mortuary from 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday one hour prior to service. Interment Lehi City cemetery.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. We express our gratitude to CareSource for the exceptional home care and hospice care given to our father over the past several months and especially during his end of life.

Steven E. McDermott
Steve-o loved to laugh
1955 ~ 2010



Steven E. McDermott was born to C. Eugene and Mary Ann McDermott on August 20th, 1955. His parents taught him to work and never quit, to love his family and to go to them for counsel and advice. His mother instilled in him a love for reading and a real sense of humor.

He graduated from Olympus High School in 1973 where he played football. He then served the Lord honorably in the LDS Bogota Colombia mission between 1974 and 1976. This experience helped him develop a deep love for the Colombian people, The Lord and the Gospel. Upon his return he courted and married Becky Davis his sweetheart, "fire of his loins" and the mother of his three children. In 1980 he graduated from the University of Utah with a Business and Marketing degree. Steve was instrumental in starting a family medical supply business, Bio-Logics where he served as an owner and the Vice President of Marketing.

Steve loved to spend time with his family and make anyone and everyone laugh. He felt blessed to have such a wonderful wife Becky and children Melissa, James (Rosalie) and Thomas (Breanna). Along with the two most perfect grandchildren Deacon James and Londyn Jane. Steve often expressed that he felt his life was better than he deserved and more than he ever could have hoped for.

He had a great love for Olympus football and soccer, Utah rugby and football, Snowbird, and Subway sandwiches.

Stevie was welcomed home by his in-laws Merrill K. and Ione McKean Davis, grandparents Jim and Edna Dixon, Henry and Clara McDermott. He will be missed by his parents Gene and Mary Ann, siblings Kathy (Eric Welling), Scott (Lisa), Robert (Deanna) and many brothers and sisters-in-laws cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Our deepest heartfelt thanks to the wonderful nurses, doctors and ER staff at University and Huntsman Hospitals who saw him through his valiant five year fight with Chondrosarcoma cancer.

A viewing will be held in his honor on Tuesday, January 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S., Sandy and the LDS Stake House, 8170 S Short Hills Dr. (3425 E.) Cottonwood Heights on Wednesday, January 5th from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. prior to funeral services at 11 a.m.

Online condolences may be made at www.larkincare.com
In lieu of sending flowers please make a donation in Steve's name to the Huntsman Cancer Hospital.
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