



## Donald Heber James

July 7, 1923 - March 11, 2011

### DONALD HEBER JAMES

1923-2011 Donald Heber James passed away on March 11, 2011, at home in Nibley, Utah, surrounded by his loving family. Don was born July 7, 1923, in Logan, Utah, to Heber George and Jennie Bradley James. He was raised on 7th North in Logan at the top of the hill near the Agricultural College. They lived in a modest home built by his great-grandfather. He and his brothers explored what were then the open fields of what is now Utah State University. Don attended Webster Elementary School, Logan Junior High, and graduated from Logan High School in 1942. He attended the Utah State Agricultural College prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was stationed in Guam and Puerto Rico. After returning home from the service, Don drove a taxi cab for the "44" Cab Company in Logan where he met and fell in love with the dispatcher, Emma Maxine Olson. They were married on March 30, 1946, and have enjoyed 65 years together. Their marriage was solemnized on April 7, 1957, in the Logan L.D.S. Temple. After working at various jobs, Don became a journeyman plumber with A. H. Palmer and Sons and worked for them for 23 years. In 1973, he and Maxine founded Donald H. James Plumbing and Heating where they worked side-by-side. He had a reputation as an honest, hard-working man. Many times after a call for a late-night emergency, he would return home with a bottle of jam or loaf of bread that he would accept as payment. In addition to his distinguished career as a businessman, Don was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His love for the gospel was evident by his willingness to share his testimony with everyone. He served in many positions including, Bishop's Counselor, Stake Missionary, Bishop, and High Councilman. He served as Bishop of the Logan 13th Ward for six years. Don and Maxine fulfilled an honorable mission from 1994-1995 in the Washington, Spokane, Mission. After returning home from their mission, they were called as officiators in the Logan Temple where they served for approximately 11 years. Don's family was the center of his life. He was always supportive of everyone. From ball games to piano recitals, he was always there to support his family, and visits and phone calls from them always brightened his day. Don is survived by his wife, Maxine, his six children, Alan D. Bonnie, Hyrum; Carole David Hibshman, Logan; Bruce O. Kelly, Hyrum; Paul C. Eileen, Hyrum; LaDawn Steven Marcek, Logan; and Scott

R. Tammy, Nibley. He is survived by 28 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by his brother, Wilford Ann, Logan, and sister-in-law, Joyce James, Kearns, Utah, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter-in-law, Garnett James, and brothers, Daniel J. Kirby, Henry A. James, and Ralph B. James. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Nibley 10th Ward Church, 2825 South 1000 West, Nibley, Utah, at 12:00 noon. Friends may call Tuesday evening, March 15, 2011, at Nelson Funeral Home in Logan, Utah, 162 East 400 North, Logan, Utah, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m., prior to the funeral services. Burial will be in the Millville Cemetery. Don's family would like to thank Dr. Michael Stones, the staff at Sunshine Terrace, Wings 6 and 7, and Dianne Crockett and the staff at Access Hospice for their kind and loving care of Don throughout his illness. At this time of great need in the world, the family respectfully requests donations in lieu of flowers to LDS Humanitarian Services. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at [www.nelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfuneralhome.com)

# Comments

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“ Dear James Family, So many folks, along with you, will miss Don. He was a great example of hard work, concern for others, honesty, and being a good, genuine friend to everyone who knew him. He will be rewarded with blessings for the many kindnesses he has extended over the years. He served so valiantly in his church callings, his profession, and the incredible pride and support that he felt for his children and grandchildren in their sports and other activities. Please accept our condolences and prayers that you will receive comfort and understanding and that Maxine will be strengthened in this time of mourning. Rodger and Geniel Pond

**Rodger and Geniel Pond** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ben and I are sorry for your loss. Bro James is a great person who we feel privileged to have know. Sister James I always admired you and Brother James' marriage and the strength and unity of your family. God bless all of you.

**Nola and Ben Harris** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear James Family I was sorry to see the passing of another pillar of this community. Whether it was his business, Church, Musical or an Athletic event and his children or Grandchildren were involved you could count on he and his Saintly wife to be there. His greatest tribute in my eyes was the James ability to instill a desire in their Children to do service and to achieve with their tallents and with their own families. The water in Don's case made it to the ends of the rows with his family. Among the greatest achievements was his sellection of his wife, one of God's best and sweetest creations that has had much good to say to everyone. I'll miss Don but a great legacy he's left lives on. Steven Glenn Baugh

**Steven G Baugh** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just wanted to add a note to Dorothy's. I need to be here with her and won't be able to get up there to express my condolences in person. Bishop James always made it a point to come give me a hug and an enthusiastic welcome anytime he saw me up there visiting. He is a wonderful man and we will all miss him. Love and sympathy to you at this time. Love, Janice

**Janice Davis Cooley** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ We didn't always see eye to eye, in fact I can think of a time Don wanted to give me a black eye. We laughed about that softball game for years afterwards. I'm glad I can call Don a good friend. To Maxine and the family: I'm sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you. Since my current residence seems to be Mackay-Dee, I won't be able to attend the funeral, which I would so much like to do. Please know I am thinking of you and remembering good times with Don and you all. With love,  
Dorothy

**Dorothy Davis** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bro James is a wonderful part of my growing up memories. He was always in church behind us and always had a smile and happy word for me. His good example will be remembered. My prayers are with you Sis James. Julie Johnson Horn Roger Johnson's daughter

**Julie Johnson Horn** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences to your family. "And also my soul delighteth in the covenants of the Lord which he hath made to our fathers; yea, my soul delighteth in his grace, and in his justice, and power, and mercy in the great and eternal plan of deliverance from death."--2 Nephi 11:5

**Curt & Melanie Jenkins** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with during this time. May the Lord bless you and give you comfort and peace.

**Glen and Kathleen DeSpain** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Scott and Tammy, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Please know that you are in my heart and my prayers during this difficult time.

**Laurie Jackson** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Well Donald H, Your days were long and filled with wonderful, happy memories of your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I will never forget the many laughs we shared. Many of your jokes were not funny but I laughed anyway just to build up your ego. Thanks for your love and ongoing support of Josh and Jason. They think the world of you. You were lucky to have snagged Maxine. That was your smartest move. See you in the next life if there is one Much love Shelly

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“ I have been blessed to be a member of this great family with four incredible Uncles. Uncle Don was always larger than life to me & his whole family set an amazing example of what good people should be and do. Although I mourn today I know that we'll all be together again. Please keep my dad in line. With our love, The Warren James Family

**Warren James** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Maxine, My heart is heavy at losing such a beautiful person. I've only known you and Don since moving into Sunset Park... Your warmth and welcoming nature made it easy for me... the many jokes and stories he told will always be dear for me. Take care my dear dear Maxine, and know that Maxi and I are just across the way. All you need is to call and Maxi and I will be there for you. Norma & Maxi

**Norma H Dawson** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM