



## Jay Blaine Merrill

August 15, 1945 - December 20, 2019

Jay Blaine Merrill passed away December 20 from pancreatic cancer while holding the love of his life's hand. Born August 15, 1945 to George Blaine and Geraldine Lott Merrill, he grew up in Trenton, Utah and lived most of his 74 years there.

Jay was a smart, kind, generous, caring man who married Mary Dare Wilson on February 18, 1972 in the Salt Lake Temple after meeting her at a Friday night dance. They shared a wonderful life together raising their eight children: Phillip (Amy Burton), Josh (Roxi Van Orman), Alex, George (Monica Elwood), Joel (Robyn Young), Blake, Laura Merritt, and Clay (Mindy Bay). He felt his life was well spent because he had such wonderful children. Family was the most important thing to Jay, being blessed with 8 children, 5 daughter-in-laws, and 29 grandchildren. They were the greatest treasure he could imagine.

Jay worked for Thiokol (ATK) for 38 years as a machinist. He was very active in the LDS church, devoting many hours to learning and studying the gospel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister, and his son Blake.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Smithfield 23rd Ward Chapel, 451 South 250 East, Smithfield. Friends may call Thursday evening at Nelson Funeral Home, 85 South Main, Smithfield from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday at the church from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in the Trenton Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.nelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.nelsonfuneralhome.com).

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Nelson Funeral Home - Smithfield

85 South Main, Smithfield, UT, US, 84335

# Comments

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“ Your service today was terrific, and it was really good to see most of your family. So sorry Phillip had to miss it. Jay was such a fine man, and we have fond memories of our friendship. We love you guys and pray for peace and comfort during such a difficult time.

Lynn and Glenna

**Glenna Payne** - December 28, 2019 at 01:07 AM

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“ He was a sweet and wonderful father and grandfather and a joy to talk to. He will be missed in our family.

**Gaylene Smith** - December 26, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ A Shift Monett purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Jay Blaine Merrill.



**A Shift Monett** - December 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary and children:  
I just saw this obit, today, Christmas day 2019 and remembered the kindness you and your family showed to us when we resided in Nibley, UT for several years 1992-1997. We met you through your son, Josh when he worked at Macy's. You were so kind to invite to your home in Trenton and I have not forgotten when you repaired our daughter Lili's trampoline mat for us several times. Those were good days. You are not forgotten.

Please accept this effort of condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Jay. May our Heavenly Father's love shine down on you and your family at this tender moment. I send our love from me and Lili..who now lives in Oak Harbor, WA. She has two little children and her husband is stationed at Widbey Island with the Navy.

God Bless from  
Richard, Karen and family

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**Richard Mittan** - December 25, 2019 at 03:13 PM