



Larry Neil Poulsen

March 11, 1930 - February 15, 2017

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017 the family of Larry Neil Poulsen lost a great patriarch, and the world lost a good man. He passed quietly, surrounded by his large and loving family. We have no doubt that his own father and mother, whom he had so missed of late, greeted him on the other side.

Larry Neil Poulsen was born in Liberty, Idaho to Edgar and Laretta Jacobsen Poulsen. The seventh of ten children, dad grew up on a farm in Bear Lake, Idaho where he learned to work hard, value family, and love the gospel of Jesus Christ. He graduated from Fielding High School and served an LDS church mission in the North Central States Mission, serving in Canada. While thus engaged, his parents moved to Logan, Utah. Upon his return, his new bishop introduced him to his beautiful daughter, Mignon. And marrying her was the best decision of his life! He spent the next sixty-five years showing his posterity how a good man fulfills his responsibility to his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

Valuing education, dad attended Ricks College, Utah State University, and Brigham Young University, receiving Bachelor and Master degrees. During his honorable military service in Korea, he learned and taught Morse Code.

Dad was an employee of the Church Education System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, teaching seminary for the duration of his career. In retirement, he served a second church mission in the West Indies Mission with his wife.

Dad spent his time doing the things he loved, including wood working, reading, learning, teaching, studying the scriptures, watching BYU sports, and spending time with his family.

There are so many things we would like to share about our dad, but he wanted us to be brief. Surely, his testimony of the gospel is his greatest legacy! He lived, loved, studied, and taught the gospel of Jesus Christ. He testified of God at every opportunity, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world, that the gospel was restored through the prophet Joseph Smith, that the Book of Mormon is God's word, and that living prophets are the

mouthpiece of the Lord today. His counsel and advice usually included gospel principles, together with encouragement to review scripture. He lived his life according to his beliefs and walked in truth and light. His life was a life of service, his legacy is the way he lived his life as a man of God, and his love for his family has supported and sustained his family, and will continue to do so as he will never be far away.

We love you dad! We will miss your smile, your drumming fingers, and the stories of your youth. You will always be in our hearts and minds. We will always be proud to be your children, and we will never forget the things you spent your life teaching us.

He leaves behind his wife: Lois Mignon Waddoups; six children: Teri (Stephen) Bunker, Lisa (Blair) Cowley, Victor (Jeri) Poulsen, LaMont (Mary-Ellen) Poulsen, Karen (Grael) Barker, and Diane (Jeff) Kanamu; forty-two grand children; and forty-eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at 1 p.m. at the Green Canyon Ward chapel, 2540 N. 400 East, North Logan, with a viewing from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow at the Smithfield City Cemetery. Condolences may be shared online at www.nelsonfuneralhome.com.

Comments



“ Dear Poulsen family,
We were saddened to hear of Larry's passing. To us it was so unexpected in our minds. He always seemed so healthy. I forgot that he was six years older than I . He was and is a great person. I have always had the greatest respect for him , and you Mignon , as well as your family. I was privileged to teach both Victor and Mont. We love you and you will be remembered in our prayers.

Love, Kay and Sherlean Stone

Kay and Sherlean Stone - February 18, 2017 at 07:07 PM



“ Dear Poulsen Family,

Thank you for befriending me during the formative years of my life. I have such sweet and lasting memories of “growing up” in your home, which was my home away from home. During the many, many hours I spent in your home (Mont befriended me at a critical time during our Jr. High school days) I was loved and taught by all of you, especially your mom and dad. First of all, thank you to Teri, Lisa, Vic, Karen and Diane for putting up with me. I have such fond memories of all of you.

Your mom was like a second mother to me. Since I spent more time in your home during my junior and senior high school years than I probably even spent in my own home, your mother and her counsel had a tremendous impact on my life. Equally, if not more, was the influence of your kind and gentle father. In all those years in your home I witnessed something I had never seen, heard or witnessed before: the priesthood power of a kind and loving patriarch who never raised his voice to anyone, especially your mother or the children. Rather, he spoke in kind and gentle tones. His wisdom and counsel and example have had a powerful and lasting effect on my life.

I was able to see his work ethic in his perferetaping enterprise and was even allowed to go along with Mont and Vic on several jobs. In fact, your family did the dry wall and perferetaping on the addition of our Lehi home.

I will never forget your father's testimony and teachings of the Book of Mormon and the Restored Gospel. He was my 9th grade seminary teacher and I have vivid memories, to this day, of him introducing me to Book of Mormon Chiasm and other exciting new things. When I was in trouble during those high school years he was the first person I would run to, in his office at the seminary, after school. I can still remember running to his office for counsel the day Mont and I found out we were being nominated for student body office by the cheerleaders at Lehi High School.

So profound was his influence on me that I have weakly attempted to model my life as a father, husband and professional after him. Although I was never able to pick up

drywall and perfetaping skills, I am just now completing my 33rd year as a seminary and institute teacher.

I love your family and your father dearly. I was heartbroken when I found out that his funeral service was at the same time as my aunt's (today, February 18th). Please know of my undying love and devotion to him, your mother and your family. Your combined influence has had a lasting, and to be honest, saving impact on my life. I will forever treasure your father's mentoring, teaching role in my life because of the eternal implications of it.

With love, respect, admiration and devotion,

Ron Bartholomew

Ron Bartholomew - February 18, 2017 at 07:48 AM



“ He was the best to inspire and teach. Thank you for your life to teach us from the heart. Kevin S Kleinman

Kevin S Kleinman - February 17, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Larry Neil Poulsen.



February 17, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Bro poulsen was my seminary teacher my freshman year of high school and was like a father figure to me that year

Paul hughes - February 17, 2017 at 02:40 PM



“ Dear Poulsen Family--

I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I truly was very fond of him. He is the reason for my love of the Book of Mormon. As a freshman he was my seminary

teacher and brought the Book of Mormon to life for me. What a treasure our high school had in him. I also was fortunate to see him every Sunday at church in our beloved 9th ward. He and your mother were such great examples to me and great friends to my parents, Dean and Etana. May Heavenly Father bless and comfort your family.

Thoughts and prayers to you,
Becky Larsen Seewer

Becky Larsen Seewer - February 17, 2017 at 09:23 AM



“ Larry was my friend and mentor for so long. I have overflowing love and respect for him and for all of you as his family. I wish we were closer to attend the memorial. We are living in Jerusalem

Love and best wishes to all
Reg and Carol Christensen

Reg Christensen - February 17, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ Larry was such a wonderful example and friend. We will miss him greatly and our prayers are with his lovely wife Mignon and their family.

Jeffery Larsen - February 17, 2017 at 01:23 AM



“ My love and prayers, Poulsen family. I am so sorry. I loved Bro. Poulsen!! He was hands down my favorite seminary teacher. Through him, I learn to love The Book of Mormon even more. He was a spiritual giant, a good man I looked up to. May our Heavenly Father's love attend you in the coming days. Much love, Kathy Larsen Carbine

Kathy Carbine - February 17, 2017 at 01:01 AM



“ I was blessed to spend some time in the home of the Poulsens. They were both wonderful and kind. I've been blessed to call one of their granddaughters, my family. It's easy to see from the kind of woman and mother she is, that she has had good examples. My love goes out to all of you at this time.
Love, Jody Gerth

Jody Gerth - February 16, 2017 at 10:56 PM



“ We love your family. We love the example Larry was to everyone!
Because of him I learned to LOVE the Old Testament. He had a gift when it came to teaching the scriptures. I will forever be grateful he shared his gift with others. He blessed many lives.
Please know you are all in our Prayers and we send our love. May God bless you.
Much love, Julie and Gill Van Wagoner

Julie and Gill Van Wagoner - February 16, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ I remember when grandpa use to load us into the bed of his truck and take us to the park, then fall asleep on the park bench while we played.

Nate Ficklin - February 16, 2017 at 08:42 PM