

Rex Kay Thompson

December 30, 1919 - January 8, 2021

Rex K. Thompson passed away on January 8, 2021 in South Jordan Utah, a week after his 101st birthday. He was born in Clarkston Utah on December 30, 1919 to Kenneth G. and Peru Jardine Thompson. He was the oldest of six children and grew up surrounded by a large extended family that he treasured throughout his life. He attended primary school in Clarkston and graduated from North Cache High School. After attending Utah State University for a year, he served as a missionary in the North Central States Mission. Upon his return, he married his lifelong sweetheart Edna Griffin, on October 12, 1943 in the Logan Temple. World War II was on going, so shortly after his marriage, Rex was inducted into the Fifth Division of the US Marine Corp. He trained in San Diego and Hawaii and went on to participate in the battle of Iwo Jima and the occupation of Japan. He loved the Band of Brothers he served with in the Corps and maintained connections and associations with them throughout his life. He turned the gratitude he felt at returning to his wife and child after the war into a life of service to his family, his church and his country. He and Edna raised their family in Logan where Rex worked as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. He served in many callings in his LDS ward and stake. He was bishop of the Logan 9th Ward and the president of Logan Cache Stake. After his retirement, he and Edna served together on a mission to New Zealand. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. His grandchildren called him Pops and they delighted in spending time with him, hearing his stories and observing his example. He had a love of learning, and supported his family in all of their educational endeavors. His humor and cheerful non-judgmental outlook endeared him to all who associated with him. He had great and unbending faith and was a true disciple of Jesus Christ. He is survived by his five children, Kaye T. Hansen Salt Lake City, Ruth T. Palmer (Larry) West Valley City, Beth T. Roberts South Jordan, Scott G. Thompson Bountiful and Karen T. Carlson (Morgan) Logan. Twenty-five grandchildren and seventy-three great grandchildren. Also surviving are his sisters Electa Nelson and Sylvia Hansen and his brother Melvin (Lila) Thompson. He was preceded in death by his wife Edna, his parents, a brother Joe Thompson, a sister Faye Godfrey and son-in-law Brent W. Roberts. The family wishes to express gratitude and thanks to Ruth & Larry Palmer for the love and care they gave to Rex over the past five years as he lived with them following Edna's

death. Services will be held at the 9th Ward Meetinghouse 125 East 500 North on January 15th. A family viewing will be held prior to the funeral at 11:00 with the family funeral following at noon. Services can be viewed virtually at: [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

A video of the funeral service has been uploaded to the tribute wall. We sincerely apologize for the poor audio quality of the zoom service. We have also uploaded a clear audio recording of the service.

Tribute Wall

WT

“ President Rex and Sister Thompson have been remarkably devoted friends and stalwart in their responsibilities. We have cherished their good works and our associations. God bless them and you as a family.

Sincerely,

Ward and Lynette Taylor, David and Laurel Simmons, and Family

Ward Taylor - January 17, 2021 at 11:40 PM

AW

“ Rex Thompson is a wonderful man. He was happy and had a great smile. He and Edna and their family were a monument of my childhood in the Logan 9th Ward neighborhood. Many fond memories with them and the Amovita family get togethers. One was when Rex would come up and give my dad a haircut as he was suffering with pancreatic cancer. That's the kind of man Rex is, a man of firm faith and love.

Anita & Kim Watts - January 16, 2021 at 02:14 PM

NH

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Nelson Funeral Home - January 16, 2021 at 12:55 PM

NH

This is a clear audio recording of the service. There is no video to it. We will get the video & audio to a professional to edit them together.

Nelson Funeral Home - January 16, 2021 at 12:58 PM

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Nelson Funeral Home - January 15, 2021 at 06:50 PM

HW

“ Dear family,
Tom and I upon occasion would stop in for a visit with Rex and Edna. We always enjoyed our visits. Rex would often show some of his memorabilia from having served in the Marines. Tom had served in the army for two years so the conversation was always enjoyable.
On a separate occasion, I remember when Rex and Edna stopped over to see my parents. My Dad mentioned that he was a bit cold and Rex took off his sweater right there on the spot and gave it to him. That's an example of the kind of man Rex was. My Dad wore that sweater a lot.
Rex is a great man. He had a wonderful spirit about him and his testimony of the gospel ran deep. We will always remember him as being such a great example to us.
Love, Tom and Helen Winings

Helen Winings - January 15, 2021 at 04:24 PM

DA

“ I have never wanted to miss reading the obituaries the past few years just looking for my good friend Rex. Now I can read the front page. He was such a great man and so fun to visit with. Not long before Edna died, I dropped in to see if Rex could identify some people in an old photo I had. His smile and handshake were infectious. As a youth his expressed confidence in me was something I never wanted to betray. Condolences to his children and their families.

David Allen - January 14, 2021 at 08:38 PM



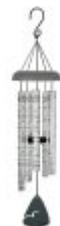
“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rex Kay Thompson.



January 14, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Rex Kay Thompson.



January 14, 2021 at 02:57 PM

MI

“ Uncle Rex, was a marvelous person💕💕 I remember them both fondly, and loved Uncle Rex's smile, and compassionate nature. Sending love to the family💕
Marianne (Mia) Griffin Fifield

Mia - January 14, 2021 at 02:44 PM

KM

“ Rex was a wonderful man, always smiling and happy to see whomever he came into contact with! The last time I was honored to spend time with him was when me and my fellow brothers of the Marine Corps League were able to visit him and his family at his home in Logan. Also we were honored to be with his fellow Marine and brother Lloyd Lewis....what a good time they had together. He will be sorely missed, but we also know that he, and Lloyd are in the arms of the Lord. Thank you for the privilege, the honor, and the good times we had with Rex. ~
Kim and June McCammon

Kim McCammon - January 14, 2021 at 12:04 PM

KJ

“ Rex was a near neighbor and bishop of the Logan 9th ward in my mid teenage years. He was a humble and wise man; a friend to all. We all benefited from his life and service.
He really cared for others, especially the youth. He was privileged to live a long life We need more leaders and people like him.
I will miss him
Ken (KR) Stevens

Kenneth Richards Stevens Jr - January 14, 2021 at 11:20 AM



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January 13, 2021 at 05:06 PM

JL

“ I can't begin to express the love we have for Rex Thompson and his sweet Edna. So many stories and sayings and memories that our family holds dear. Being able to call him friend was the joy and honor of a lifetime! Love to his amazing, wonderful family from the Lamberts.

Jason and Brooke Lambert - January 13, 2021 at 04:58 PM

JS

“ So very grateful I got to see Uncle Rex at the reunion in Logan in 2019. I have so many wonderful memories of him and summers spent in Cache Valley.

Julie Andreatta

Julie Shelby - January 13, 2021 at 02:28 PM