

William G. Hartley(1942 - 2018)



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Father, husband, and historian William G. Hartley died on April 10th after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 76. Bill was best known for his groundbreaking books on Mormon history, articles in LDS church magazines and scholarly publications, and appearances in the popular KSL television documentary series History of the Saints, for which he served as Consulting Historian.

Bill had been part of the LDS Church Historical Department, where he directed the oral history program. He was an associate professor of history at Brigham Young University and was director of its Family History and Genealogy Research Services Center. He was a president of the Mormon History Association, the founding president of the Mormon Trails Association, was awarded the Leonard J. Arrington Award for a lifetime of distinguished contributions to Mormon history, and has had two annual research prizes named in his honor. He was a prolific writer who authored fifteen books, more than 120

articles, and co-edited three volumes of the Joseph **Smith** Papers. He received five best book awards and four best article awards from professional associations. He had a true love and passion for church history.

Bill was raised in Butte, Montana and the San Francisco Bay Area. He served an LDS mission to the Eastern States and Cumorah missions, received his B.A. and Master's Degrees from Brigham Young University, and did his doctoral work at Washington State University. He was Bishop of the Sandy Willow Canyon 2nd Ward from 1985-1990.

He married Linda Lee Perry in the Oakland LDS Temple in 1965. He is survived by Linda and their six children: Julie (Ted Moore) of Grantsville, UT; Jeffrey (Jodi Piner) of Alpine, UT; Scott (Sheree Lewis) of Riverton, UT; Cindy (Matthew Harris) of Castle Rock, CO; Christie (Johnathon Knapton) of Colorado Springs, CO; and Gregory (soon to be married to Sandy Reno) of Salt Lake City; by 15 grandchildren; and by his brothers Charles in Montana and Richard and James in Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents, Norma Miner Hartley Haymond and Charles Alton Hartley; his sisters, Raylene and Mary; and his brother Bryan.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, April 16, at 12:00 Noon at the Saratoga Springs 3rd Ward, 49 East Centennial Blvd., Saratoga Springs, Utah, where Viewings will be held Sunday, April 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to Services on Monday from 10:45 to 11:45 am. Interment in Springville Evergreen Cemetery, 1997 South 400 East, Springville, Utah.

Special thanks to Dr. Neeraj Agarwal, MD, and Clinic 2B, Huntsman Cancer Institute and FirstChoice Home Health and Hospice for their outstanding care of Bill.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.uvfuneral.com.

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