

GRAVESIDE SERVICES

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - 1:00 PM

Providence City Cemetery

Family Prayer Jan Wigington (Daughter)
Life Sketch Denise Erickson (Daughter)
Speaker Natalie Eralie (Daughter)
Remarks W Lindsay Burton (Son)
Musical Number "Loving Families"
Denise, Patricia, Jill, Jan, Natalie, Allison,
(Daughters) Greg & Lindsay (Sons)
Dedication of Grave Greg Burton (Son)

PALLBEARERS

Mac Burton
Daryl Erickson
Alex Erickson
Marcus Haslam
Daniel Clements
Matthew Clements
Brian Wigington
Jeffrey Wigington
Collin Burton
Gabe Eralie
Chandler Paskins
Chanse Paskins

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Nicholas Burton
Martin Clements
Jeff Pfister
Nate Pfister

LOVING FAM'LIES

Fam'lies sharing love

When life's wind blows cold and chill,
With a smile we travel through each vale,
o'er each hill.

Fam'lies sharing pain

When we're sick and tired and cold,
When our hopes and dreams fade,
still we stand bold.

You'll hear us singing,

Thorough faith we're blessed from above,
Together sharing, the closeness fam'lies find, thru love.

Fam'lies sharing joy

As each day we find that peace,
thru our task of building
loving fam'lies.



Warren Lindsay Burton

September 10, 1934 - October 31, 2020



*Husband, Father, Grandfather,
Great-grandfather and Friend*

Warren Lindsay Burton

Born
September 10, 1934
Salt Lake City, UT

Son of
Melba Lindsay &
Fielding Garr Burton

Married to
Alta Chugg
On June 27, 1958
Logan Temple

Died
October 31, 2020
Providence, UT



Warren L. Burton was born September 10, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Fielding G. and Melba Lindsay Burton. He was educated in the Granite School District. At a very young age he was taught to play the cello, which set the foundation for his lifelong career in music. At the end of his freshman year at the U of U he was awarded a scholarship by the Boston Symphony organization to the celebrated Tanglewood Music Camp, summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. It was while studying in Massachusetts that summer that he decided to serve a mission. He wanted to be needed, he wanted to make a difference in people's lives and he wanted to bring the message of salvation to the world. He accomplished all three of those things and more as he served in the Swiss-Austrian Mission. While serving in Zurich he met his future eternal companion, Sister Alta Chugg.

Sister Chugg arrived home in May 1958. They were engaged on their second date and sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan Temple on June 27, 1958. They lived in Salt Lake and Cache Valley until making Providence their permanent home in 1962. By this time Warren had completed his BA degree in German, while working as an insurance investigator. He and his self-sacrificing wife had three children, Greg, Denise and Pat. Twins were an anticipated arrival just a few weeks away. Jan and Jill were his birthday presents that year.

WISH IT, DREAM IT, DO IT! Was burned into a piece of apricot wood that sat in his shop and these were words he lived by.

Early in 1962 he had heard that Utah State University would have an opening for a producer/director for KUSU-TV that fall. He had no qualifications or experience, only an apparent feeling for TV work. He completed the application anyway and move forward with faith and the expectation of a career with USU. He received the job and was instrumental in getting the TV station, then channel 11, on the air before joining the Music Department in 1965.

He pioneered the first large scale classes in the Old Main Auditorium. He continued to teach four to five hundred students in the Kent Concert Hall until the day of his retirement in 1999. In 1966 he became the first of the "Flying Professors," when he and another colleague flew in a Piper Cub to teach the first University Extension classes in the Uintah Basin. He continued to "fly" until the year of his retirement. Lindsay, Natalie and Allison joined the family and in 1972 he moved his family of 10 to Eugene Oregon while he attended graduate school at Northwestern University and the University of Oregon where he was awarded a Doctorate of Musical Arts in 1974. In 1977 he began presenting the Music Appreciation class on KUSU-FM for students statewide. It was on the air for a national record twenty-five years. From 1980 to 1987 he served as Head of the Music Department at Utah State University.

In 1986 Dad was asked by Thomas S. Monson to serve as a mission president. He was at the peak of his career. The three-year sabbatical meant giving up his department chair he had worked so hard for and leaving 6 of his children and a number of grandchildren. Together with his companion and best supporter, Dad accepted the call to the Germany Munich Mission and Natalie and Allison joined them as they were still in high school. They returned home in July of 1990 greeted by more grandchildren then they left and an additional son-in-law.

For more than forty years Dad's witty sense of humor aided him as a professional entertainer presenting his 'Music in Comic Relief' to groups of people locally, at national conventions across the country and on cruise ships. He appeared on many national television programs, including The Tonight Show. The most common question his children were asked while growing up was, "Is your father as funny at home as he is in public?" Our answer was always, "Yes. Yes he is."

You could always find Dad in one of three places: the yard, his office or downstairs in the shop. Dad had great woodworking skills and found joy in making things such as furniture, toys, puzzles, trains, and plates. With Mom's help restored old furniture and rocking chairs. He loved working in his shop with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and they loved being there with him.

His almost half-acre garden was a wonderful site to behold. Especially in mid-July when the corn was tall and growing abundantly. Many wonderful conversations were had while out planting and irrigating the garden and harvesting the goods he worked all summer to cultivate. We will all miss his corn. Dad's testimony of Jesus Christ was manifest in his life-long activity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 2001 Dad and Mom once again made the decision to serve and accepted the call as CES missionaries in the Czech Prague Mission. He served many years as a temple ordinance worker and sealer and had many other callings. In 2008 he was called as Patriarch in the Logan, Utah YSA 1st Stake and served there until just before his passing.

During the last 62 years he has traveled the world with his sweetheart by his side spreading light and making friends wherever they went but his family always brought him home. He was a son, a brother, a partner, a father, a teacher, a friend, and a risk taker showing us that life is most lived when you follow your passion. He was a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a counselor, a mentor, a disciple of Christ and an inspiration for all of us to do better and be better.