



Glenn T Passey

December 23, 1939 - October 10, 2018

Glenn T. Passey (1939 - 2018)

Glenn Passey passed away, surrounded by family, at his home in Cheney, WA on October 10, 2018 at the age of 78. He was born on December 23, 1939, in Lanark, ID to Leo and Ida Howell Passey, and was the youngest of 8 children.

He was raised on the family farm. In high school he demonstrated a great ability in athletics. He received a football scholarship which took him to Utah State which was transferred to track as he had quite a talent in throwing the discus. He went on to break the NCAA discus record and continued to successfully compete in national and world discus competitions into his retirement. He was inducted into the Utah State Hall of Fame in 2010.

In 1962 he married Joan Hymas, in the Logan, Utah LDS Temple and they have 7 children.

Glenn served in the U.S Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Col. after 27 years. He served as a helicopter pilot at many locations in the US and around the world. In 1979 he was transferred to Fairchild Air Force Base, WA to serve as the Commander of the Survival School followed by his last assignment in 1985 to serve as the Head Track Coach at the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO.

Interests include racquetball, camping, hiking, woodworking, and gardening. He was actively involved in the BSA in which all of his 6 son's received the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a lifelong devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he held many leadership positions and developed a great joy for serving others and formed many close friendships. He was a devoted husband and father and had a great love of family. He was a man of great integrity, honor and character and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joan; 6 sons, David and his wife Valeri, Allan and his wife Lisa, Nathan and his wife Suzy, Ryan and his wife Diane, Jared and his wife Sarah, Travis and his wife Angela; 1 daughter, Sheri and her husband Paul Sears; 34 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 19, at the Cheney LDS Church, 2526 N. 6th Street in Cheney. Burial will be at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake.

Comments



“ Glenn’s wife Joan taught early morning seminary during the time I was in High School. One day the lesson was on David and Goliath. Glenn set up a paper outline of Goliath in the gym at church. Then from across the gym he took out a sling which he had learned to use while growing up, loaded it with a small marshmallow, and promptly planted the marshmallow in Goliath's head with enough force to make everyone wonder about how badly it would hurt to get hit by the marshmallow! It was a fantastic lesson supplement which I’ll never forget.

Matt Haws - October 25, 2018 at 11:15 PM



“ Glenn was the bishop of the Cheney ward when I moved to Washington as a freshman in high school. He was involved in many young men and scouting activities during my high school years, spoke at my Eagle Court of Honor, and set me apart as a full time missionary when he served as stake president.

Three short good memories with Glenn.

Memory #1. He was the archery merit badge counselor. While working on the badge at his house outside of Cheney, we shot some arrows at a target. Then he got a small grin on his face and said- now shoot it as high and far into the sky as you can, and we will see where it ends up. After realizing he wasn’t joking, I aimed high, pulled hard, and let it fly.

Memory #2. Glenn and Jared went up to our scout snow camp a day or two early to shovel huge mounds of snow from which we scouts would carve out our snow caves. Somehow we survived the night and enjoyed some high adventure sledding in the morning.

Memory #3. After a merit badge pow wow, I rode home with Glenn. As we drove, he offered me a Hostess doughnut. At the time I was doing some athletic training program which actually had a strict diet. I told him, I really shouldn’t eat one of those. He replied, “I won’t tell anyone.” It was a good doughnut.

Glenn was and is a great man and fun guy to be around. He had a great influence on my life, and is off to his Celestial reward.

Jadd Shelton - October 19, 2018 at 06:25 PM



“ Condolences on your families' loss he was an amazing man with incredible presence. Integrity truly describes Glenn Passey. Fortunately he passed those qualities on to his children. He will be remembered fondly. ~ Kari Barr

Melani Barr - October 19, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ My name is Suzi Wilson and my parents are Ralph and Byrnece Maughan. So sorry to hear of Glenn's passing. I remember him so well. He was something always special to our family. I know my parents adored him and told many fun stories about his time at USU. I also appreciate when my son Randy came to the Cheney area on his mission and you had him come over for supper. He told me that is where he learned how to do Hawaiian haystacks. That has become such a favorite of ours and we always think of you when we fix them. I'm sure my parents were waiting with a wonderful warm embrace as they met again. All my best. Once again, so sorry but he was a wonderful example in our lives.

suzi wilson - October 18, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ Joan and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. May the Saviours love give you peace and comfort in the coming days and months. It was a pleasure following our Uncle Glenn's travels and successes throughout his entire life and everyone was so proud of all his accomplishments. Our sincere best wishes to you all. The Dewain L. Passey family.

Randy and Vicki Passey

Randy L Passey - October 17, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ I had the pleasure of serving and working with Col. Passey as his 1st Sgt while he commanded the 3612 CCTS at Fairchild AFB Washington. We shared some hard times and some very good times. He was always a good and honest man with a deep love of family and country. Rest my brother until we meet again.

Thomas R. Hill
Msgt, 1st.Sgt Retired, USAF

Thomas Hill - October 15, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ What a great uncle. I remember when Glenn and Joan would come stay with us as a little boy. He was always fun and approachable. I remember going with my dad once to a track meet at BYU as I recall to watch Glenn's airforce team compete. After that my dad (Ordell) bought me a discus and we went to Granite High School and practiced together. I love that memory. I love the Passey family and am thankful for the heritage of service and family values displayed by all. We will miss you Uncle Glenn.

