



## Steve L Shaffer

September 20, 1936 - September 25, 2019

Steve Larkin Shaffer, 83, passed away peacefully at the home he built with his own hands on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Steve is survived by JaNae, his wife of 58 years, and their five children: Ronald Larkin Shaffer (Claudia) of Springville, UT; Keith R Shaffer (Karen) of Carson City, NV; Creg V Shaffer (Julene) of Gardnerville, NV; Steven W. Shaffer (Heather) of Plain City, UT; and Laura Guillaume (Zach) of Farmington, UT. He and JaNae have 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grand-children, with another on the way. He is also survived by his sisters: Connie Parrack, Mary Drake, Ruby Shaffer and Ruth (Tom) Emang. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bob, and his sister Dora Wheat.

The son of Vernon Larkin Shaffer and Lucile Garn, Steve was born on September 20, 1936 in East Garland, UT and moved to Hailey, ID as a child. Gifted with athletic ability and strength disproportionate to his size (school nickname "Muscles"), after graduating from high school, Steve furthered his education and athletic pursuits at Ricks College (now BYU-Idaho). Steve served for two years in the Northern States Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. After returning home and joining the National Guard, he moved back to northern Utah where he met JaNae Zundel at a Christmas party. They were married on March 3, 1961 and sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan, Utah Temple. In 1967, Steve and JaNae moved to South Lake Tahoe, but after a few snowy winters they decided to settle their family in the beautiful Carson Valley where they have spent the past 48 years.

Steve helped to pioneer the cable television industry in South Lake Tahoe, and later turned his focus to the trade of construction as a General Contractor and custom home builder. He was respected as a master finish carpenter, with attention to detail and precision, known for sticking with a project until it was perfect.

A lover of the outdoors and hunting and fishing, Steve knew every good fishing hole on the local waters, and could show you, right until the last days of his life, every deer herd around Carson Valley and the Pinenut Mountains. However, Steve's greatest loves were

his Savior Jesus Christ and the Restored Gospel, his family, and his country. He held a great reverence for each, and those that knew him would not dare to make light of any. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was instrumental in the growth of the Church in the Carson Valley. He helped to build church buildings in South Tahoe and Carson Valley, served in several bishoprics, on the Stake High Council, as a Stake Missionary, and most recently enjoyed serving in the Reno, Nevada Temple.

To his family, Steve was a beloved son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He could fix or “Shaffer-rig” anything and was the definition of a "Jack of all trades." He was known for giving gifts of homemade smoked fish and jerky, and pine nuts he had gathered himself. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Services will be on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 11:30 a.m., with a viewing at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1095 Spruce Street, Minden, NV.

# Cemetery

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## **Eastside Memorial Park**

1600 Buckeye Road

Minden, NV, 89423

# Comments

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“ my sincere condolences to the Shaffer family. Steve was a great man.

Larry Houtz

**larry houtz** - October 05, 2019 at 09:31 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve L Shaffer.



October 04, 2019 at 11:10 AM

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“ A couple of things I remember about my uncle Steve. When I was very young, he and JaNae had the coolest green Ford Fairlane, and I got to ride with them at least part of the way home from a Zundel Bear Lake reunion. Also, after my dad passed away, uncle Steve took the time to come over to our house a few times to help us with some wiring and plumbing repairs which we really appreciated. I am sorry we are unable to attend the funeral and see aunt JaNae and my cousins.

Val (Don) Bennett

**Val Bennett** - October 03, 2019 at 09:49 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve L Shaffer.



October 03, 2019 at 03:35 PM

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“ Hi Keith,

We wish to express condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father.  
May the memory of his life be eternal

John Copoulos

john p copoulos - October 03, 2019 at 11:32 AM

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Keith - October 01, 2019 at 12:34 PM

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Keith - October 01, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steve L Shaffer.



October 01, 2019 at 12:18 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steve L Shaffer.



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“ Steve Shaffer is my father, my friend, my teacher.

While on this earth he taught me to work, to be responsible, to be honest, to love the Lord, my family, and my country. At work his motto might have been "Don't just stand there, do something - even if it is wrong". While not applicable to all situations, that pretty much sums up his philosophy of being anxiously engaged in good things.

When I was young it was tough to keep up with him on a hike, or beat him to the next good fishing hole on the river. Actually the beating him to a good fishing hole was tough even when we got older.

Together we built homes, fished, hunted, served in the Church and enjoyed watching my children in their activities.

I am grateful to my dad for all that he taught me, in word and example. I will miss him.

Keith -



Keith Shaffer - September 30, 2019 at 10:45 AM

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“ I am saying an earthly good bye to a man that taught me to love nature and the outdoors over 50 years ago and have not forgotten and never will the time he took to take me with him - fishing/hunting - getting ready to go like catching night crawlers with a flashlight in the middle of the night - they were fast but Steve had the patience and love to show me how. How to shoot and handle a gun safely - he was a great teacher and have enjoyed those traditions with my own family and friends - in the back of my mind situations arise and I remember him and always will!!!

Kerry Zundel - September 28, 2019 at 10:41 AM