

DECLO – On Saturday, August 17, 2024, Vaughn Milo Erikson saddled up for the last time and rode off into the sunset to join his son, Shane Erikson. He was loved by everyone he crossed paths with, and didn't leave anyone without a "Miloism." He was a loving and caring son, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Milo brought joy and a smile to everyone he met, regardless of their age, background, religion, who they were and where they came from.

Milo was born August 10, 1944, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Vaughn Miller and Lucy Andrus Erikson. He was the oldest brother to a crew of Erikson children: David, Shannon, Steven (Bones), Rolayne, Fiona, Paul, Pete, Lucy, Jeff, and Jerry. Milo always said he was the oldest, the shortest, and the best looking and would back that up any time any day.

Milo was raised on the Erikson dairy farm where there were surely a lot of shenanigans and his love for early mornings was born. He attended McMillan Elementary, Murray Junior High and Murray High School. Milo continued his education at Snow College and earned his bachelor's degree in farm management from Utah State University.

Milo was a family man to his core. He always said that it was the red hair that hooked him when he first saw Gayle, and their love story has continued for 45 years. Moving to Raft River to run his dry farm in the late 1970s made for lots of family time, adventures, and even more stories to tell. This is where his love of horses, hunting, and fishing started to evolve. Moving to Declo was where his path led to next, and where the adventures continued. He slowly added golfing and bowling to his diverse resume...and you might even have caught him substitute teaching here and there, where the kids all loved his nonchalant joking mannerisms. Being a 4-H leader for many years also allowed for more people to get to enjoy the laid back sweet nature of Milo.

He served many callings for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints faithfully. He worked in the temple for twelve years, and his interest in genealogy increased.

Milo never met a stranger, and those of you who have spent time with him will remember him forever. He always left a lasting impression on everyone he met, and he will be dearly missed and dearly remembered. He has been an example to each and everyone.

Milo was survived by his sweetheart, Gayle Erikson; his children, Curtis (Mary) Peterson, Andrea (Sean) Kelleher, Lisa (Corey) Gates, and Kodi (Jason) Wright; and his grandchildren, Brendan, Lauren, Coleton (Liya), Cooper, Harper, Declan, Oakli (Troy), Jodi, Kason, Koleson, Sage, Dallas, and Gracie, and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vaughn and Lucy; his son, Shane; his two brothers, Steve and Jerry; and sister, Rolayne.

In Loving Memory



Vaughn "Milo" Erikson

1944 ~ 2024

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BORN
August 10, 1944
Salt Lake City, Utah

DIED
August 17, 2024
Boise, Idaho



SON OF
Vaughn Miller & Lucy Andrus Erikson

HUSBAND OF
Gayle (Truman) Erikson

FATHER OF
Curtis (Mary) Peterson, Andrea (Sean) Kelleher
Lisa (Corey) Gates, Kodi (Jason) Wright, Shane Erikson †

13 GRANDCHILDREN; 5 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 28, 2024
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Declo Stake Center ~ 213 W. Main ~ Declo, Idaho

Conducting..... Bishop Fred Darrington
Family Prayer David Erikson
Organist Tamara Thompson
Music Director..... Emy Darrington
Opening Hymn #134..... *I Believe in Christ*
Invocation Peter Erikson
Remarks Lisa Gates, Andrea Kelleher
Musical Selection..... *Angels Among Us*
 Performed by Deja Kidd, Trisha McNiel, Kaylee Nielsen, Misty Wallace
 Accompanied by Stetzon Bailey
Speaker..... Curtis Peterson
Closing Remarks..... Bishop Fred Darrington
Closing Hymn #300 *Families Can Be Together Forever*
Benediction..... Paul Erikson



INTERMENT
Declo Cemetery ~ Declo, Idaho

Dedicatory Prayer..... Jeff Erikson

CASKET BEARERS
Curtis Peterson, Brendan Peterson, Sean Kelleher
Coleton Kelleher, Cooper Kelleher, Corey Gates, Declan Gates

As for me and my ranch, we will serve the Lord.



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RASMUSSEN-WILSON FUNERAL HOME
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