

Obituaries 2020

The Ogden Surgical-Medical Society extends its sympathy to the family and friends of our colleagues who have passed on. Their presence and contribution to medicine will be momentarily missed.

Byron Hunter Naisbitt, MD

December 18, 1922 – November 16, 2020

Byron Hunter Naisbitt, 97, passed away at 3:40 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2020. He was born on December 19, 1922, to Byron Watkins and Catherine Forbes Hunter Naisbitt. Dr. Naisbitt grew up with his younger brother Paul on 37th Street and Riverdale Road in Ogden, Utah. He married his high school sweetheart, Carol Elaine Peterson, in Salt Lake City, Utah, on May 29, 1942. Unfortunately, Carol passed away on April 22, 1974. He later married Eleanor Sue Evans on May 17, 1978, in Ogden, Utah, who passed away on August 31, 2013. Dr. Naisbitt was a student at Ogden High School. After graduation, he registered at Utah State University and transferred to the University of Utah.

Shortly after he married Carol, Dr. Naisbitt was drafted into the army. He was assigned to a hospital in McKinney, Texas, which kept him away from the front lines of the war. Afterward, he and Carol returned to Utah. He attended medical school at the University of Utah School of Medicine, graduating in 1947, and was immediately offered an Obstetrics and Gynecology residency. Dr. Naisbitt began practicing privately at the Tanner Clinic in 1950. Later, in 1952, he moved his practice to Ogden, where he cared for his patients for seventy-three years. He was a member of the Ogden Rotary Club and a valued member of the Ogden Surgical-Medical Society.

Dr. Naisbitt is survived by Gary and Annette Naisbitt, Brett and Diane Naisbitt, Scott and Claire (Naisbitt) Swift, Rose (Henderson) and Ronny Chambers, Sue (Henderson) and Steve Bauter, Jon Henderson, Martin and Julie Henderson, Jane (Henderson) and Lee Montoya, Emily (Henderson) and Lorin Herbert, and Nan (Henderson) and Jason Hodge, twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-three great-grandchildren and one on the way, and two great-great-granddaughters.

Carter Brooke Jennings II, MD

May 17, 1943 – November 13, 2020

Carter Brooke Jennings II, MD, 77, known simply as “Brooke,” died November 13, 2020. The oldest of four boys, he was born in Long Beach, California on May 17, 1943 and graduated from Princeton in 1968, followed by the University of North Carolina Medical School at Chapel Hill. Impressed by the University of Utah’s anesthesiology program, he and his first wife Karen settled in Salt Lake City. Dr. Jennings had a ceaseless curiosity for the world around him and his many interests over the years include the environmental movement, rock climbing, and learning to speak French and fly airplanes. His favorite job was working at the VA Medical Center.

Dr. Jennings is survived by his first wife, Karen Stam, his second wife, Gail Jennings, and his brothers, David (Sharon) Jennings of South Carolina, Rick Jennings of North Carolina, and Carlyle (Toni) Jennings of North Carolina.

Jan Frederick Christensen, MD

November 30, 1946 – July 14, 2020

Jan Frederick Christensen, MD, passed away surrounded by family on July 14, 2020. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 50 years, Ruth, their eight children, 35 grandchildren, and his three siblings.

Dr. Christensen was born on November 30, 1946, in Riverside, California. The oldest of four children, Jan became an example for his siblings with his love of music, silliness, and service. He graduated from Ramona High School in 1965 and attended Brigham Young University that fall.

Dr. Christensen met his future wife, Ruth Kelly, in the summer of '69. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on May 28, 1970. He graduated cum laude from BYU with a degree in chemistry. He and Ruth moved to Riverside where Dr. Christensen earned a medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. A residency in family practice medicine brought the couple's growing family to Charleston, South Carolina, for three years.

Dr. Christensen chose to set up his private practice in Gunnison, Utah, in 1978, where he served the Gunnison community for 34 years until his retirement. He worked in different capacities at the hospital, including chief of medical staff. During that tenure, he helped expand and renovate the hospital, bringing modern facilities and equipment to the community.

Dorian Rey Faber, MD

October 18, 1931 – July 11, 2020

Dorian Rey Faber, MD, 88, passed away on July 11, 2020. Born in Lehi, Utah, October 18, 1931, Dr. Faber was the third oldest of 10 children. Dr. Faber participated in a volunteer physician program in Vietnam in 1969, and he served in the army during the Korean conflict, where he trained in medical technology and became certified as a medical technologist through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

He married Lila Marie Gonder in 1954 in Garrison, Utah; they later sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Dr. Faber earned a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine. He completed his graduate studies in Pathology at UCLA, becoming board certified in Anatomical and Clinical Pathology as well as Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Faber practiced both Pathology and Emergency Medicine in California, before returning to Utah, where he practiced Pathology in Salt Lake Regional Medical Center and Jordon Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three brothers. He was predeceased by his parents, four brothers, and two sisters.

Oliver Wendell Hyde, MD

September 6, 1930 – June 4, 2020

Oliver Wendell Hyde Jr., MD, 89, passed away on June 4, 2020. He was born on September 6, 1930, in Newark, New Jersey. Dr. Hyde spent four years in the U.S. Navy during the time of the Korean War. Following two years of service as a communications officer on a destroyer, he went on to teach chemistry at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He earned his MD from the University of Utah and completed his residency at the Dee Hospital. He practiced family medicine in Ogden, Utah for 37 years. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle; seven children: Steve (Sharon), Noel (Pam), Dixon (Julie), Elaine (Rory) Williams, Valerie (Kevin) Wells, Marilyn (Gary) Cook, Lynette (Kevin) Gatherum; 36 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; and his sister Karen (Larry) Stucki.

Sharon Ann Taylor, RN, NP

December 11, 1945 – June 4, 2020

Sharon Ann Taylor, age 75, died May 27, 2020, due to complications from Alzheimer's Disease at Canyon Creek Assisted Living Center in Murry, Utah. She was laid to rest on June 4, 2020, at Wasatch Lawn Mortuary. Taylor was born to the parents of James Joseph Lynch and Phyllis June Weimer in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 11, 1945. She grew up in Franklin Park, Illinois, where she was the oldest of 4 siblings (Thomas, Pat, Lisa).

Taylor graduated as a Registered Nurse from a Catholic Nursing Academy in Chicago, Illinois. She married Arthur Thomas Wasek in 1966 in Chicago, Illinois, and they lived in Phoenix, Arizona for two years, then relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah. She and Arthur had 3 children David, Cindy, and Ryan.

Taylor practiced nursing in the clinical environment in Salt Lake City, Utah for several years at various hospitals. Taylor and Arthur were divorced in 1982. She worked at the Utah State Department of Health in upper management from 1976-1990. She returned to school to earn her Bachelor's and master's degree in nursing from the University of Utah, graduating in 1993.

In 2001 she moved to West Palm, Florida and married Steve Taylor in 2004, where they spent several years before moving back to Utah in 2011. She has practiced as a Nurse Practitioner since 1996 in various fields of nursing including Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Geriatrics, and Hospice. She provided loving care to many patients throughout her life and was passionate about her career. Taylor was also a lover of dogs and had many loving companions throughout her life.

Taylor was preceded in death by her father, James Joseph Lynch. She is survived by her loving husband, Steve Taylor, mother Phyllis June Lynch, siblings Thomas Lynch (Linda), Pat Morris (Larry), and Lisa Miller (Dean), children David Wasek, Cynthia Wasek, and Ryan Wasek (Nathalie),

grandchildren Madison Butters, Samantha Butters, Robbie Butters, Jack Butters, McKenzie Wasek, Adrie Wasek, Paige Wasek, Mia Gonzalez, Alexis Gonzalez, Alicia Gonzalez, Avery Gonzalez.

Fred Eli Clayson, MD

September 3, 1945 – June 3, 2020

Fred Eli Clayson, MD, 74, passed away on June 3, 2020. He was born on September 3, 1945 in Sheridan, Wyoming. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, he finished medical school in just three years at the University of Utah.

With extra time before graduation, he spent a few months gaining medical experience overseas. He worked in a bush hospital in Liberia and completed a fellowship on Cholera in Yugoslavia. His medical training finished with an ophthalmology residency at the University of Indiana. He served northern Utah as an ophthalmologist and surgeon for 43 years and was a member of both the Weber County Medical Society and the Ogden Surgical-Medical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Clayson; three children: Scott (Jill), Bradford, and Karen; three grandchildren: Morgan, Landon, and Ian; and three siblings: Dr. Karl Clayson, Karen Clayson Batt, and Dr. Stephen Clayson.

Harold Lewis Hansen, MD

October 25, 1935 – May 5, 2020

Harold Lewis Hansen, 84, died in Springville, Utah, on May 5, 2020. He was born and raised in Kaysville, Utah, to Leroy and Bertha Hansen on October 25, 1935. He had three brothers: Steve, Charles, and Lynn. He graduated from Bonneville High School and then attended Brigham Young University as a pre-med student. Afterward, Dr. Hansen completed his Doctor of Medicine degree and graduated from the University of Utah.

He married Margaret Evans of Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 24, 1961, and they had nine children, forty-six grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren together. They lived in Salt Lake City while he attended the U of U. Then he completed his internship at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden.

Afterward, they moved to Fillmore, Utah, in 1965, where Dr. Hansen worked for six years. Three of his children were born there, with their father acting as the OB-GYN. He was also in the military at that time as a captain in the National guard during the Vietnam War. The family moved to Kaysville in 1971. Dr. Hansen spent most of his career as a family doctor at the Tanner Clinic in Layton, Utah, and retired in 2000 after thirty-five years.

He is survived by his children: Lisa Johnson (Dave), Eric (Debra), Rebecca Jensen (Eric), Mary Hansen-Murdock, Martha Johnson (Conrad), Russell (Becky), Katherine Merrill (Doug) Emily Matthews (Reed), and Jonathan (Amy). His wife, Margaret Evans Hansen, passed away on July 15, 2021, at seventy-eight.

Gary Orson Christensen, MD

1951 – March 2020

Gary Orson Christensen, MD, 68, passed away in March 2020. He was born in 1951 and was raised in Hooper, Utah. Dr. Christensen went to medical school at the University of Utah and completed an internal medicine residency. After his medical training, he went into private practice in Ogden, Utah, where he served his community full-time from 1979 to 2011 as a caring, highly respected physician. Even after being diagnosed with a rare muscular disease, he continued to work part-time as the medical director of a local hospice facility.

He is survived by his wife, Nannette Larsen; two children: Andrew and Amy; and two grandchildren: Jason and Anna.

James Jones, MD

October 25, 1943 – March 14, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. James N. Jones announces his passing after a brief illness, on March 14, 2020, at the age of 76. He was lovingly surrounded by his beloved wife Maryann of 23 years, and his children, Jim (Rebecca), Jeremy (Erika), Joshua (Brooke), and Jessica (Nathan) Koupal. He will be forever admired and remembered by his loving wife, children, and twelve grandchildren.

Dr. Jones was born in Cedar City, Utah, to Andrew and Vervene Jones on October 26, 1943. Soon after his birth, the family relocated to Redwood City, California where he was raised.

He attended Brigham Young University, receiving a bachelor's degree in English. He then attended Medical School at the University of Louisville, graduating in 1970. Dr. Jones went on to complete a one-year internship in Internal Medicine at the University of Utah. He then completed a Radiology Residency at the University of Colorado Medical School. Following that, he completed a two-year fellowship in Neuroradiology at the University of New Mexico Medical Center. In 1977, Dr. Jones joined Associates in Radiology at St. Benedicts Hospital in Ogden, Utah where he remained for 42 years. During this time, he also served in the Army Reserves.

He married Barbara Lies on August 24, 1968. Together they raised four children and later divorced. Dr. Jones then married the love of his life, Maryann Pales on March 28, 1997. He was Maryann's loving and caring companion, who she cherished and considered her soulmate.

Dr. Jones was an avid lover of cars and enjoyed nothing more than traveling to car shows with his wife, Maryann, kids, and friend, Gary Goucher. He spent years restoring hot rods and he and Maryann always looked forward to their annual trip to Hot August Nights in Reno, Nevada.

An ever-present father, he found great joy in cheering his children on in their hobbies or participating right along with them. From being on the sidelines at wrestling tournaments, to hitting the slopes, or heading out to the dunes on motorcycles, he was always there beside his children with love and support.

His grandkids will forever remember him bringing a Marie Calendars pie to every family event. They know he drank more Diet Coke than water and had a weakness for sweets! According to them, Grandpa was always the classiest dresser in the room. What they'll miss most is hearing him say, "come give me a squeeze!" every time they entered a room.

Dr. Jones taught his children how to work hard through his unmatched work ethic. His retirement lasted less than one year. He couldn't stay away from what he loved and was still working at the hospital up until the very end. Being a caregiver, even beyond the life of a Radiologist, was a way of life for him. He was a man of unwavering faith, who was kind, supportive, humble, and loving. We will miss him dearly and carry with us his example of faith and love.

Dr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Vervene Jones.

Gillett Michael Vincent, MD

August 12, 1940 – February 12, 2020

Gillett Michael Vincent, husband, father, and grandfather, passed peacefully from this life on February 12, 2020, with his family at his side and in his heart.

Dr. Vincent was born on August 12, 1940, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Granville Gillett and Helen (Mortensen) Vincent. In 1963, he met and fell in love with Delores Vanden Boogert, and they were married on September 9, 1966. Together, he and D. had ten children: Jeff, Kathy, Jon, David, James, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Rebekah, and Anne.

His family was more important to him than anything else. He was a guide, mentor, advisor, and support, showing belief and confidence in each family member. He was there for athletic events, dance recitals, school activities, late-night homework assignments, plays, and concerts, for his children and grandchildren, always with a ready smile and eager encouragement. He had a way of making people feel like they could do anything. He invested himself in his family's passions and hobbies and invited them to share his own: spending family time at a second home he built above Park City, water skiing at Lake Powell, snow skiing in the mountains, listening to classical music, traveling the world, always being curious, and wanting to learn something new.

Dr. Vincent attended college and medical school at the University of Utah and graduated with honors in 1967. He continued his medical training with a fellowship and residency at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and again at the University of Utah Hospital as the Chief Resident. Dr. Vincent practiced cardiology for over 30 years at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine, and was also a professor at the University of Utah Medical School. He found great purpose in teaching and mentoring medical students, interns and residents for decades as the director of several medical training and residency programs.

Dr. Vincent's medical interests were broad in scope, divided among patient care, teaching, research and administration. A career-long quest to understand and treat cardiac arrhythmias set new standards for genetic research and led directly to life-saving treatments for thousands. His ground-breaking work resulted in better education for doctors and patients worldwide. In 1992, as a reflection of his deep

investment in improving lives, he founded the SADS Foundation to help those at risk of sudden cardiac death.

While he received numerous well-deserved, prestigious professional awards and accolades at home and abroad during his life, his most important award was the one that adorned his walls at the end. It read simply: "#1 Dad." Dr. Vincent lived his life with a personal standard of excellence, patience, graciousness, and kindness. He is greatly missed.

Dr. Vincent is survived by his wife of 53 years, D.; 8 of their children and their spouses: Jeff (Marie-Chantelle) Vincent, Kathy (David) Salisbury, Jon (Ritu) Vincent, David (Nathali) Vincent, Rachel (Tyler) Sheffield, Sarah (Tyler) Sorensen, Elizabeth (Ben) Mucha, and Anne (Chad) Huntsman; 20 grandchildren; as well as his sister Patricia (Mark) Eatough. Preceded in death by his parents and two children (James and Rebekah).

Virgil Parker, MD

February 2, 1925 – January 26, 2020

Virgil Jon Parker peacefully passed away in Alpine on Sunday, January 26, 2020, just one week prior to his 95th birthday. He was born on February 2, 1925, in Joseph, Sevier County, Utah to Anna Irene Farnsworth and Alma Virgil Parker, the youngest of four. His father died when he was three years old just prior to the Great Depression, resulting in a difficult childhood on many fronts. Despite experiencing many of the health challenges of his generation, Dr. Parker was athletic, playing basketball on the State Champion team, playing baseball on and running the high hurdles and high jumping. He was musically inclined and learned to play the trombone and piano. He had a lifelong appreciation for classical music and a love for playing the piano and harmonica.

Dr. Parker joined the U.S. Air Corps in 1943, serving in World War II, and was eventually stationed in the Pacific Theater, specifically the islands of Los Negros and Biak, where he worked in communications. He served for three years and later served a three-year mission in the France Mission. These six years foreshadowed a long life of service.

Dr. Parker and Jacquelyn Abraham married on December 14, 1951, six months after returning from his mission. He attended and graduated from the University of Utah with a degree in French, and later a medical degree. He was a lifelong supporter of the University of Utah Medical School.

After completing Internal Medicine residency at the County Hospital in Salt Lake City and the Veterans' Hospital in Portland, Oregon, he co-founded the Central Utah Medical Clinic in Provo, which grew immensely over the years and is now known as the Revere Clinic. He and Jackie were founding members of Camp Utada, a diabetic camp for young diabetic children, which they supported and worked at for several decades. Dr. Parker is known for his oil landscape paintings, and he greatly benefited from a decades-long friendship with and mentorship by Michael Coleman of Provo.

Dr. Parker was the last surviving family member of his generation, preceded in death by his wife, Jackie, and his and her siblings/spouses. He is survived by his four children, Heather Keiffer, Holly and Thomas Holst, Matthew and Kari Parker (all of Utah), Paul and Heather Parker (of Vermont), eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.