



## Rex Wendel Paulsen

December 25, 1931 - February 20, 2023

Rex Wendel Paulsen was born in Louisville, Idaho on December 25 1931. He was the 6th of 9 children born to Ephraim Martin Paulsen and Elizabeth Kathrine Collings. Rex started as a farmer and attended Ricks College on the side. He was drafted and served two years in the Army during the Korean War. After the war, he married Rozella Mae Weekes from Archer Idaho on November 2, 1956, and they had four children: Randel Weekes, Nolan Rex, Rozella Gaye, and Karla Mae. When he injured his back, he was told he needed to find a job that had less lifting. He transferred to Utah State College in Logan Utah and graduated with a BA degree in Industrial Arts. He took a job teaching high school auto shop in the small town of Boron California. Besides the auto shop, he taught metal shop drafting and driver's education. He also helped his wife run a bakery. He and Rozella were divorced in 1972. In 1973 Rex met and married Elaine Edna Brandt and added three additional stepchildren to his family; Sharon Farmer, Stan Decker, and Shelly Griffith. Rex went on to receive a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Pepperdine University. When Rex retired from teaching, he bought an auto shop in Waitsburg Washington State. After a few years, they moved to the western coast of Washington to Sequim and opened another auto shop where Rex worked until he retired. Their home burned to the ground as a result of an accident and they purchased another home in the Sequim Mobile Estates. She passed away on December 13, 2007.

Rex quickly met Geraldine Springer and they were sealed in the Seattle

Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on December 3rd, 2008 for time and all eternity. Geraldine had 7 children from another marriage. They were Robert J, Steven J, Cathryn, Carolyn A, Darwin M, Becky J, and Theodore A. This brought the total number of Rex's children and stepchildren up to 14. He broke both hips about five years apart, after his second fall his beloved Geraldine passed away on December 20, 2020.

His daughter Gaye and her husband Carl Parks offered to have them come and live with them in Morrilton, Arkansas. Where he lived out the remainder of his days.

Rex was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints all of his life. He loved doing genealogy research and attending the temple.

Rex is preceded in death by his parents Ephraim Martin Paulsen and Elizabeth Kathrin Collings. All of his siblings: Laverne Ephraim, Wennie Ferrel, Glen Allen, Sylvia, Ray Leon, Bernice, Jewell, and Arlene. His son Randel Weekes Paulsen and all of his wives Rozella Mae Eyre, Elaine Edna Brandt Paulsen, and Geraldine Springer Paulsen, Grandson Jared Parks, Stepson, Stan Decker

Rex is survived by: three of his children, Nolan Rex Paulsen (Marlene Bigler), Rozella Gaye Parks (Carl), and Karla Mae Christiansen (Eric). Stepchildren: Sharon Decker Farmer (Dave), and Shelly Decker-Griffith (Price), Robert J Wilson (Alia), Steven J Wilson, Cathryn D Wilson, Carolyn A Wilson, Darwin M Wilson (Kari), Becky J Wilson (Masson Wattles), Theodore A Wilson (Shannon), and a host of grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for Rex Paulsen at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1101 Burrow Street, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110. Rex will be buried in Sequim Washington, alongside his wives Elaine and Geraldine. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints  
1101 E. Burrow  
Morrliton, AR 72110

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Paulsen was my driver's education teacher at Boron High School and his son, Nolan, was a classmate. He was one of several LDS teachers on staff and served as a role model and mentor for many students.*

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**Deric English** - May 10, 2024 at 12:42 AM

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“ *Rex was my drivers ed instructor at Boron High School, CA in 1971. We used to go swimming at his house and he had an indoor pool covered by a giantic blow up bubble. Good memories! My condolences to his family.*

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**Don West** - May 09, 2024 at 10:25 PM

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“ *Uncle Rex made me my first bicycle. I was staying with Granpa and Grandma Paulsen for the summer and I wanted to ride to my friends house so he went into the shed and a couple hours later he rolled out a bike. He could make anything with just a few tools and some junk. Aunt Rosie used to fix my hair so pretty. They both made my summers special*  
*Tricia Morehead*

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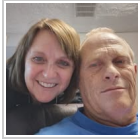
**Tricia Morehead** - March 03, 2023 at 02:36 AM

MG

“ *My husband and I had Rex, Gaye, Carl and other friends over for a fish fry last June. Rex was telling us how he had almost 20 kids," didn't know how many grandchildren and several great grand children". He talked about how proud he was of all of them.*  
*Dorreta George*

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**Ms. Dorreta F. George** - February 28, 2023 at 09:33 PM



“ *I remember the old school bus that Rex had converted into a motor home. He did a nice job. I didn't get to see him much, but when I did, he was always smiling.*

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**Marie Hansen** - February 23, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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*Thank you, Marie! He always loved spending time with your family!*

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**Gaye R Parks** - February 25, 2023 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Charlene Sigler lit a candle in memory of Rex Paulsen*



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**Charlene A Sigler** - February 22, 2023 at 03:17 PM

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*Thank you, Charlene! ❤️*

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**Gaye R Parks** - February 25, 2023 at 09:12 AM