



Dennis Child

May 22, 1943 - May 8, 2010

Rawson Dennis Child, age 66 of Fort Collins, Colorado, died May 8, 2010 at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, May 13th at The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints, 600 East Swallow Road, Ft. Collins. Interment, with full military honors, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, staging area A. Rawson Dennis Child was born May 22, 1943 in Ogden, Utah to Rawson Dewey and Joyce (Poulter) Child. He graduated from Logan High School in 1961 and served a mission to Scotland for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Upon his return, Dennis began his undergraduate work at Utah State University, where he ultimately completed his Masters degree in Rangeland Studies. Dennis was commissioned as an Army Officer and served in the Adjutant General's Corps; Fifth U. S. Army in Illinois. In 1971, Dennis began his Doctoral degree at Colorado State University where he completed his PhD in Rangeland Ecosystems. On January 3, 1972, after a two-and-a-half month courtship, he and Carla Jane Floyd were wed and sealed in the Logan Temple. He completed his PhD at CSU and they lived in Fort Collins until 1977 when he began work with Winrock International, a non-profit rangeland research firm where he did research in Morrilton, Arkansas and Kenya. In 1988 he continued in Agricultural Research working for the USDA until returning to CSU as a Department Head and Professor of Rangeland Ecosystems. He was a valued and respected professor at the time of his passing. All along the way, Dennis was an active and devout member of

the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints; was formerly a Branch President, Bishop and High Councilman. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and was a past scoutmaster. He traveled extensively worldwide and most recently was a visiting professor at the University of Agriculture of Inner Mongolia, China. In his free time, an avid outdoorsman, Dennis enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and all things outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Carla; five children, Derek (and Katie) Child of Johnstown, CO, Caylee Whealton (and Kent Amott) of Ft. Collins, Megan (and Dave) Fordahl of Oakley, CA, Ashlee (and Chad) Roper of Nibley, UT and Lacey (and Robert) West of Mililani, HI; three sisters, Joy Philips of Magalia, CA, Nanette Gee of Sugar City, ID and Coleen Yates of Great Falls, MT; and 13 grandchildren and stepmother, Vicky B. Child of LaVerkin, UT. His parents preceded Dennis in death. Dennis' family requests that any memorial donations please be made to R. Dennis Child Memorial Scholarship Fund in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., #E, Ft. Collins, CO.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dennis Child*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I only knew Dr. Child for a semester and a half. But he was, and always will be, my favorite professor in my entire academic career. He was someone who always made coursework interesting, even for the often-mundane AUM calculations. I will never forget him, and I still think about him even to this day, almost 5 years later. Rest in peace Dr. Child, you will always be in my heart and mind.*

Alex Vanagunas - April 28, 2015 at 05:12 PM



“ *It was a wonderful blessing to have Dennis in our lives and as our spiritual example. He will never be forgotten by any of us. To Carla and all the family our condolences, our love and prayers are all yours at this sad time.*

Mr & Mrs. Jim Todd - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We just learned of Dennis passing from Tammy and are so saddened by the news. Dennis was a wonderful father and role model for Derek. He was such a help to Katie in her year of need. We will always be grateful for his kindness. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.*

There will be a void in Fantasy Football this year.

Joy & Kevin

Dorrel Brock and Family - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *Carla and family*

We were so sorry to hear of Dennis' passing. He was such a great man, husband and father. We have to out of town and can't attend the funeral but wanted you to know that our hearts and prayers are with you all.

Gale & Judy Chadwick - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sad to hear of Dennis' passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Carla.*

May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *As cousins often do I lost touch with him and after many years, saw him at the funeral of an Uncle. We always had so much fun as children visiting when my family would go back to Utah on vacation.*

I am very sad to hear of his passing. I want to extend my sympathy to Carla and family.

I know that time will heal. Take care.

Arlene Anderson Freeze - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Dennis was a man of honor. A multi-scholar, and wonderful man. He treated all with respect and kindness. His example was powerful, and has touched many.*

Jeri and Jeff Newton - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Sorry for the sad news. My prayers will be with your family.*

Fred Searle

Fred Searle - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Brother Child was a very kind person. I remember him when he gave me my calling to Activity Days. I have known him for a long time and remember when he was in our bishopric. He was truly a really great person and will definitely be missed by everyone who knew him.*

Karen Searle - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Although I did not work closely with him, Dennis always took time to say hello when our paths would cross. I met him when he began his wonderful relationship with the Key Academic Community. He was always so thoughtful and caring.*

I last saw him on Thursday the 6th at the Key end of the year program and even though we didn't get to visit, I remember thinking how glad I was that he was there and that Carla could enjoy the evening with him. In retrospect, what a gift that was for Carla to experience the great love that the students and staff had for him, and his great love for all of them.

My deepest condolences to all of his beloved family.

Barb Musslewhite - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *I'm very sorry to hear about Dennis. I worked with him at Winrock International (Petit Jean Mountain). He was always cheerful and a joy to be around. My sympathies to all his family.*

Shirley Zimmerman - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *To the family of Dennis....*

As a young child I remember Dennis as a real prangster. Family reunions were so much fun because of his fun loving spirit.

We lost contact for many years until my brother, Bob, brought us together for a breakfast in Colorado. Dennis hadn't changed a bit and I found him even more endearing.

I'm saddened by his passing and want to wish you my heartfelt sympathy. He was truly one of the good guys.

Right now, I'm sure he's exploring heaven's rangelands with his Mom and Dad....and they are all smiling.

*With love,
Vickie*

Vickie McCall - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *My prayers are with you and your family.*

Pam Barney - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“*Susan and I are sorry to hear of Dennis's passing. He was a friend and a great member of the church. He will be missed. The two of you were some of the first friends we had when we moved to Ft. Collins years ago.*

Rodney & Susan Casebolt - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM