

Memorial Service for Lloyd M Rasmussen  
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### LLOYD M RASMUSSEN'S LEGACY

As you can see by the things that have been said already today, our Dad was an amazing man and leaves behind a remarkable legacy. He was a loving husband and father, a successful businessman, and a spiritual giant. He touched many lives and helped many people during his time on earth. He went about his life constantly serving and helping others. These past few days our family has received many calls and emails from others telling us how much our father influenced their lives. As we read through these letters we become even more aware of what a caring person he was. Many of these letters say phrases like "He changed my life", "He made me feel loved", and "I will be eternally grateful to him." He truly cared about others and took the time to help them with their needs. He not only helped others spiritually, but also financially. He was a generous man. Many times he offered financial support to those who were struggling. He helped some pay for missions, college expenses, and even buy their first home or start a new business.

Our Dad was a great leader in all that he did, but more importantly, he was a great husband and father. He loved his family and we loved him. We knew he loved Mom by the way he treated her, and made sure that we always showed her the respect that she deserved. He was caring and patient with us as we grew up and always interested in what we were doing. His famous phrase to us as teenagers was "Don't do dumb things." That was usually enough to keep us out of trouble. He was a stable influence in all of

our lives, and that gave us a great sense of security. We always knew that we could go to him with any question or need and he would be there for us.

The love he fostered among the members of our family is best exemplified in the reaction of each when my sister Susan was told she needed a kidney transplant. All volunteered, and Doug unhesitatingly chose to make that sacrifice for her. True, Doug is a hero in our eyes. But he received his hero-training at the feet of a master hero.

As we matured and started our own families, Dad and Mom have been great about having lots of family activities to keep us all close. We regularly get together for baby blessings, baptisms, mission farewells, homecomings, weddings, and holidays. We have been on many fun trips together to Hawaii, Utah, and Idaho. It is always lots of fun for all of the kids and grandkids to play together and it has helped us all become great friends.

We have many fun traditions for our favorite holidays like Easter, Halloween and Christmas that the children and grandchildren love. For Easter, there is always a fun Easter egg hunt for the grandkids in Grandma and Grandpa's backyard. Hundreds of eggs filled with candy and money are hunted for each year. One year Grandpa even hid an Easter egg in his pocket that had a \$20 dollar bill in it. He loved to watch his grandchildren's faces as they hunted and opened their eggs.

Dad and Mom have always made Christmas a special time for us. Each year we have a big Christmas Eve dinner and party at their home. After dinner, the grandchildren reenact the Nativity before any presents are opened. Grandpa always made sure that his grandchildren knew that Christmas was really about the birth of the Savior.

Dad always had a deep and abiding love for the Savior and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of our parent's teachings and example to us throughout their lives, all 6 of their children have also grown to love the gospel. We have all been sealed in the temple to wonderful spouses and have wonderful children of our own. We all have strong testimonies of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the desire to share it with others. Our greatest hope is that we can pass on this great love to our children as Dad did. And so to the next generation, my kids and my nieces and nephews, please always remember that we love you and the Gospel of Jesus Christ and know it to be true, and that by following the principles you have been taught your lives will be blessed.

As we say goodbye to Dad today, he leaves behind a loving wife, 6 children with their six eternal companions, 31 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren with another on the way and many members of a wonderful extended family – and that does not include his many, many dear friends. We will miss him, but know that we will see him again someday. We love you Dad. Thank you for all you have done for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.