



## Daren Vernon

April 22, 1966 - February 3, 2019

Daren Read Vernon was born on April 22, 1966, at 12:37 AM, in Moses Lake Washington, to parents Marvin R. and Nancee E. Vernon and was the youngest of 5 children. He was hosted into the world by Samaritan Hospital, and his debut address was 1040 Skyline Drive. Daren and three of his older siblings lived there until his parents moved the family to Redmond, Washington, when he was a year old. He spent most of his childhood in Puget Sound, living in Redmond and Issaquah and attending various grade schools and part of Junior High there.

By the time Daren was around 12 years old, the family moved to Coos Bay, Oregon. While in Coos Bay, Daren met and forged a lifelong relationship with the Baxter Family, a close relationship that lasted until his death. After a year and a half, he and his parents moved to Newport, Oregon, where Daren attended Newport High School, and started college. During this time, he worked as a teller at the Bank of Newport, where his father was president.

Daren attended Ricks College in Idaho until he graduated in 1989. He took some time off from college and fulfilled a Mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was formally released from his 2 year mission on January 7, 1988.

After leaving college, Daren married his first wife, Jennifer Goodner, and

moved with her to Philadelphia, PA, where he enrolled at Temple University of Podiatric Medicine. After he passed his boards, they moved to Houston, Texas, where he started his internship. Not long after, Daren received an offer from Dr. Waller in Moses Lake, to come and work at Basin Foot and Ankle.

After his first marriage ended, he met and married Janelle V. Osborn. That marriage produced two cherished sons, Keston Read Vernon, on December 1, 1999, and Trenten Baxter Vernon, on April 14, 2002.

He was hired by Samaritan Healthcare, in 1998, and worked at Samaritan Clinic until 12 days before his death, on February 3, 2019, at 12:12 AM, from Pancreatic Cancer.

After his second marriage, Daren was single for a number of years when he met the love of his life. On April 29, 2017, he married Rebecca Eggleston Erickson, in Leavenworth, Washington. The last few years of his life were filled with travel, excitement, stage plays, tending his garden, and getting the most out of his remaining life with Becca. They were sealed for time and all eternity at the Columbia River Washington Temple on January 19, 2019.

Daren sat on the board of the Washington State Podiatric Medical Association. He was very active in civic activities, worked on many musicals and starred in several. He helped to originate Basin Community Theater where he directed, danced, sang, acted and designed stage settings. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his dry humor and wit.

His career and his patients meant everything to him and it hurt him greatly to have to quit. No one could have fought harder or been more accepting of what he could not change. The poise he showed to the end was immense.

A funeral service will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints at 1849 Nelson Road. Viewing will be from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, the service starts at 1:00 pm on February 16, 2019. Daren is survived by his wife, Becca, his three sisters, Wendy Coyne of Moses Lake, Gail Hanks of Tacoma, and Sandra Dowdney of Wenatchee, one brother, Randall Vernon of Snohomish, his two sons, Keston and Trenten and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

# Cemetery Details

## Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne  
Moses Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Nelson Road Chapel  
1849 E. Nelson Rd.  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

FEB 16. 1:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

AV

“ *Lit a candle .*



Angela Villarreal - December 26, 2020 at 11:38 PM

KS

“ *I only knew Dr Vernon as a patient. I liked and trusted him right away. He had a good “bedside manner “. He did a wonderful job on my feet. I loved his sense of humor. You knew right away that he loved every aspect of this life. I know he will be greatly missed by his personal family and his professional family.*

Kristina Sporcic - February 23, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Dr Daren was a very good person ,family Doctor and such . He often worked on my ex husband foot a fw times , sent him for therapy and continued treatment until he felt t was healed not us .I'll never forget his style of how he treated all patients in and of his office. He was proud when he left foot and ankle to his own office at Samaritan clinic .M heart will forever go out to Andy , Gary and rest of family and my God rest his Sol on Dr.Vernon .*

Wilma Holeman - February 16, 2019 at 05:45 AM



“ Have loved your whole family for years.....your Mother and Dad taught me to dance when I was 12 years old...and I'm still dancing....love you so much Wendy...Hi Gary. love you , too...Daren was so good to me when I needed help with my feet...Amazing Doctor...RIP

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**DaLila Merkley** - February 13, 2019 at 07:58 PM

DG

“ *Dorinda Gardner lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon*



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**Dorinda Gardner** - February 13, 2019 at 06:00 PM

SM

“ *Shawn Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon*



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**Shawn Montgomery** - February 13, 2019 at 01:07 AM

CG

“ *Christina Geer lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon*



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**Christina Geer** - February 11, 2019 at 10:16 AM

JD

“ *Judy Diamond lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon*



**Judy Diamond** - February 09, 2019 at 06:47 PM

JR

“ *June Rhyne sent a virtual gift in memory of Daren Vernon*



**june rhyne** - February 09, 2019 at 12:54 PM

MM

“ *Margie Milbrandt lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon*



**Margie Milbrandt** - February 09, 2019 at 09:48 AM

ED

“ *I loved and respected Daren for all he put into the shows we did together. He was such a talent and an incredible person! I will miss him so much.*



**Emily Duvall** - February 09, 2019 at 12:47 AM

PL

“ To The Vernon Family, we send our deepest sympathy, Dr. Vernon was a wonderful man and friend, always there to listen, he had suffered a long time,now he's at peace and rest. Indeed he will be missed.

*David & Pat Ledbetter  
Moses Lake, Wa.*

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**Patricia Ledbetter** - February 08, 2019 at 11:47 PM

JW

“ Julie Weisenburg lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon



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**Julie Weisenburg** - February 08, 2019 at 06:12 PM

SC

“ Scott And Jenny Carsey lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon



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**Scott and Jenny Carsey** - February 08, 2019 at 12:05 AM

JF

“ Jodie Willams And Family lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon



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**Jodie Willams and Family** - February 07, 2019 at 05:08 PM

TG

“ *Todd & Marina Garry lit a candle in memory of Daren Vernon* ”



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**Todd & Marina Garry** - February 05, 2019 at 11:55 PM

“ Keston,

*Your dad came to live with us in 1984 while he was going to Lynn-Benton Community college. He met our sons at church and we invited him to live with us. We have cherished memories of him blending in with our sons and becoming a part of our family. One fun memory we have is when the guys would all go out and play touch football on our large yard in the country. He often would stay out and continue playing football by himself after everyone else had gone in the house. He would throw the ball in the air and run and catch it like a little boy Then tackle himself..*

*Once the guys were running through the house and your dad ran into the ceiling light in our living room. He knocked one of the stained glass pieces out of the fixture. However, he quickly fixed it by putting a dinner roll in it. We all had a good laugh about that.*

*I can still see him running out our front door headed for church, bare foot with his tie thrown over his shoulder and his shoes in his hands dressing on his way into the church house.*

*When your dad left for his mission to Salt Lake City we were living in Camas, WA. He asked me (Elnora) to speak at his farewell in Newport. It was a special experience for me.*

*He brought a special joy and happiness to our family. He had a strong testimony of the gospel and was a wonderful example for our sons. We enjoyed having him as part of our family.*

*Our son Darren spent the following summer with your dad and grandparents in Newport. The two of them worked at one of the restaurants on the water front. It was a fun time for both of them.*

*Our prayers are with you. You are blessed to have had such a wonderful father.*

*With much love*

*Howard & Elnora Thomas, Darren, Preston, Kevin, Julie Hill and Tanya (Croft).*

*Tanya was only a year old when your dad came to live with us. She taught English on campus at BYU-Idaho for a couple of years and now teaches English on line for BYU Idaho.*

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**Howard and Elnora Thomas** - February 05, 2019 at 09:39 PM