



## James Takayuki Nanto

March 6, 1939 - August 15, 2022

James Takayuki Nanto (Age 83)

James T. Nanto and his wife Debbie died in a tragic house fire on August 15, 2022. Jim was born in Hardin, Montana on March 6, 1939, the second son of Tom Kiyoshi and Frances Nobuko Nanto. He enjoyed life in rural Montana until the eighth grade, when he moved to Moses Lake, Washington, and graduated from Moses Lake High School.

While in Moses Lake, Jim joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he served in many positions, including bishop, high councilor, and a missionary in Brazil. He graduated from DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago and, after serving in the Air National Guard, worked there as a civilian until he retired.

Jim's home always was filled with music. He played the violin, taught orchestra, led choirs, gave private lessons, and sang duets with Debbie. He left a legacy of music that continues through his descendants.

Jim is preceded in death by his son Shawn Nanto. Jim is survived by daughters Tamara Walling (Mark) and Lisabeth Eddy (Adam), son Aaron Nanto (Amy), daughter-in-law Jennifer Nanto; brothers Robert (Suzanne), Dick (Masako), Howard (Sherrie), Edward, and Harvey (Roxanne); grandchildren Riece (Melissa), Quinn, Nova, Isaac, TyeLeah, and Judah; and great grandchildren Declan, Kaiya and Akira.

A funeral will be held on August 27, 2022, 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1849 Nelson Road Northeast, Moses Lake,

Washington 98837.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Joan (Thaden) Lobie & Beth (Thaden) Gibson*



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**Joan Lobie** - August 20, 2022 at 12:25 PM

RS

“ *Becca and I spent many hours alongside Jim and Debbie in orchestras. They were always so happy and wonderful to be around. Our musical family in Moses Lake has lost so much with their passing. We will miss them forever.*

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**Ron Sawyer** - August 19, 2022 at 12:05 AM

SW

“ *Harvie & Roxie, and family, sending prayers and condolences to your family.*

*Mike and Shirley Woodworth*

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**Shirley Woodworth** - August 17, 2022 at 10:27 AM



“ *Our hearts are broken over the loss of Jim and Debbie. They were very important to our family. They never missed an opportunity to support their grandchildren, (Jim’s eldest son Shawn’s kids) Isaac, TyeLeah and Judah in a musical or concert. We spent many holidays together and had a close bond with both Jim and Debbie. They will be missed and forever loved.*



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**Jennifer Nanto** - August 17, 2022 at 02:38 AM

PB

*My heart aches for the Nanto family at this time of such great loss! The Nanto family played a big part in my youth and I knew Jim well. May Heavenly Fathers live surround all of you through this difficult time in your lives. You are all in my prayers.*

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**Paulette Bartley** - August 18, 2022 at 01:05 AM



*Thank you Paulette. I’m so sorry for your pain. Jim and Debbie were such beautiful souls and will forever be missed.*

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**Jennifer Nanto** - August 18, 2022 at 02:46 PM



*Our condolences to the family. So saddened by the news of their tragic passing. They always stopped to see us when they came thru Billings, and were good about staying in touch. They will be missed by all friends, family, an acquaintances. Heaven’s choir has gained two angels. Cousin Rosalie Hashisaki Fritz*

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**Rose Fritz** - August 20, 2022 at 12:15 AM