



Roger L. Fairbanks, DC

November 20, 1939 - May 5, 2011

Dr. Roger LeRoy Fairbanks died peacefully in his Moses Lake home on May 5, 2011.

Born on November 20, 1939 in Weiser, Idaho, Roger was the eldest of the nine children of LeRoy and Elvina Fairbanks. After graduating from Meridian High School in 1958 he served in the Army National Guard in Fort Ord, California, and then accepted a mission call from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sacramento, California. He attended Boise Junior College, Brigham Young University, and then in 1966 graduated as a Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa.

July 1, 1965 Roger married Elizabeth Ann Fletcher in the Salt Lake Temple. In December of 1966 they established a chiropractic practice in Moses Lake and in 1972 built a new clinic on Beech Street. Dr. Fairbanks enjoyed serving his many patients for almost 45 years.

As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Roger served in many positions including scout master and bishop. He also served in the Columbia River Temple. Life held many interests for him. He had a gift for music and a special love for the violin as well as a beautiful deep bass voice. He could often be found working with

skilled hands not only as a chiropractor but also creating in wood, leather and finding ways to fix almost anything.

Above all else, Roger cherished his opportunity to be a father. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ann, his six children, and 15 grandchildren: Vaughn and Lee Ann Fairbanks (Joshua, Dallin and Emma) of Moses Lake; Sheri and Blake Smith (Fletcher, Taylor, Sydney and Parker) of West Richland; Kent and Tiffany Fairbanks (Carson, Samantha, Cheyenne and Lacey) of Springville, Utah; Lisa and David Van Wagenen (Nathan, Carly, Malena and Amy) of Minden, Nevada; Tifini Fairbanks and Sara Fairbanks of Moses Lake. He is also survived by two brothers, Richard and Dale, and four sisters, Janet, Virginia, Rosie and Diane. He is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Vina, two brothers, Kenneth and Wayne, and one grandchild, Kevin Van Wagenen.

There will be a viewing on Monday, May 9, 2011 from noon to 7 p.m. at Kayser's Chapel with family greeting friends from 5 to 7 p.m., and at the church from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10th. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nelson Road Chapel, 1849 E. Nelson Road. Interment will follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L N.E., Moses Lake.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

MAY 10. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

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

Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ann and Vaughn my sincerest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Dr. Roger was a great Dr. and story teller. He will be missed. Thelma###imported-begin##Thelma Moreno###imported-end##

May 17, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ Roger will be sorely missed. He taught me a lot about chiropractic while I was his patient that has assisted me to this day. He was a good friend and neighbor. Our condolences to all of the family!###imported-begin##BJ Malecha###imported-end##

May 16, 2011 at 07:06 PM



“ Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family in your time of loss. Thank you for being our chiropractor all these years.
Rick and Jackie Yurian###imported-begin##Jackie Yurian###imported-end##

May 13, 2011 at 11:03 PM



“ Dear Ann and Family,

*Time and distance cause us to lose track of dear friends and so we were surprised and saddened to hear of Roger's passing. We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We know that you will find peace and comfort even at difficult times through your knowledge of eternal principles taught in the Restored Gospel of Jesus Christ. Time will heal present sorrows but the hurt at his loss will be real for the immediate future.
May you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers always.*

Love, Shirley and Marlene Christensen Riverton, UT##imported-begin##Shirley D, Christensen##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 10:17 PM



“ Our prayers are with Mrs. Fairbanks, Dr. Vaughn, and the rest of the Fairbanks ohana. Dr. Roger and his family are in our prayers. As a chiropractor we know the gift he has given to mankind, and we want to acknowledge his love for his craft.##imported-begin##Drs. Richard & Saul Ribellia##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ Well i have reread the many entries to honour Brother ROGER L. Fairbanks. Vaughn.. i am sure you inherited much of your Dad's talents. i hurriedly wrote out my note about your dad and used your name. Frankly I can't think of a much better complement than to identified with fathers like you and I were blessed with. Anyway.. Thanks to all of Roger's family. We will miss you great personality, Brother Fairbanks. But your powerful spirit with often be with us.. David##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

May 11, 2011 at 12:18 PM



“ I thank you, Uncle Roger, for your example as the head of the Fairbanks family. You worked hard in all you did and were brilliant in many areas of interest. I appreciate your visits when you came to Boise and will always remember your hearty laugh. You are loved and cherished.

Love,

Natalie###imported-begin###Natalie Ormond###imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 09:32 PM



“ Ann and family,
I knew Roger was sick, but this was a huge shock. There are not many people I consider "my friend"-- he was one the best. My thoughts and prayers go with you.

Don Heroux###imported-begin###Don Heroux###imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 01:09 PM



“ Dear Ann & family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Roger was & is a great man. One of my favorite memories of him is of him playing the violin, just like Grandpa. My kids' favorite memory is of the family reunion airplane ride with Uncle Roger. Please know that my thoughts & prayers are with all of you. You all have many happy memories to keep his life & love alive to you.

My love,

Pat###imported-begin###Pat Fairbanks###imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 12:51 PM



“ *Ann, Tif, Sara and family. Your beloved father and husband will be dearly missed, but remains in spirit. Our thoughts are with you and pray the comfort of knowing he is waiting on the other side will offer some much needed hope and comfort during this hard time. We love you all.##imported-begin##Janelle Vernon##imported-end##*

May 10, 2011 at 10:32 AM



“ *We send our love and prayers to the Fairbanks family. Your dad was and is a great man who loved his family deeply and was true the Lord. He will be missed but he will not be far away. He will continue to watch over your family. We know this! May the Lord give you peace and perspective at this time. Rejoice in the Lord's plan and trust Him.*

Sincerely,

Ron and Diana Van Wagenen (Lisa's inlaws from Eagle, Idaho)##imported-begin##Ron and Diana Van Wagenen##imported-end##

May 10, 2011 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sister Fairbanks,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children at this time. It is a hard part of life. Another trial our Heavenly Father gives us to test our metal. We all know that he's in a better place and that is such a wonderful thing. The gospel is a great blessing and I'm grateful that through the gospel and our church I was able to rub shoulders with your sweet husband who always brought a smile to my face. When I was a little kid I was scared to death of Roger because his voice was so deep and for some reason it just terrified me. I laugh about that now and for some strange reason it brings back great memories of the old fourth ward and my time growing up. Sister Fairbanks, if you ever need anything, you let us know.
Jim and Cindy Nielsen##imported-begin##Jim and Cindy Nielsen##imported-end##*

May 10, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ *Dear Ann and family...We have loved our association with all of you for as long as we can remember. We are very sad to hear about Roger's passing. He has always been a comfort and support in our lives. He has a unique way of making people laugh. Those memories will continue to cause a giggle. We have you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##JoAn and Dave Forsyth##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 10:34 PM



“ *I'll miss you Uncle Roger.##imported-begin##Elizabeth Moss##imported-end##*

May 09, 2011 at 01:18 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear that Uncle Roger passed away. I have so many fond memories of him, he was a great man. May the Lords comforting power be with you at this time. We love you guys and our prayers are with you. Thanks for being a great uncle!!!!##imported-begin##Katie (fletcher) Howell##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ Dear Fairbanks family, Just noticed on my news from Moses Lake about Brother Fairbanks. Our love and prayer go out to all of you. The Millspaugh's Chuck and Alice from Yuma, Ariz.##imported-begin##Chuck Millspaugh ##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 12:45 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. The Fairbanks family was the first family I ever knew, outside of my own. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.##imported-begin##Martin LeRoy Andersen##imported-end##

May 09, 2011 at 12:37 AM



“ Sorry to hear that Dr. Fairbanks had passed away. Nancy Callahan was nice enough to let me know. Wish I could be at the funeral. Roger will be greatly missed. He always made me feel liked I really belonged to our GACCS group.##imported-begin##Laurie Belmont-Kemper##imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 03:03 PM



“ Ann and family, Our deepest sympathy to you all. Dr. Fairbanks was very special to our family especially our mother and father Rudy and Lucy Ramirez. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. The Ramirez Family###imported-begin##Luis and Trina Alfaro###imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 10:16 AM



“ Dear Brother and Sister Fairbanks family and friends. I have been in Utah for quite some time now but have never forgotten the positive influence that the Vaughn Fairbanks had on me and my family in Moses lake. Few people had the musical talent of my father but Vaughn gave him a good "run for the money."thanks for sharing your fun personality with us, Vaughn. You and Ann raised a fine family and have always helped n the lives of those around you. God bless us , each one, that we may live good lives to be able to reunite one day with the good "saints" in this world like Vaughn Fairbanks.. David Miles Oman###imported-begin##David Miles Oman###imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 07:41 AM



“ Dearest Ann, Children and Grandchildren and other family members of a great man. I will never forget the days when I worked for you and Roger. Precious times and memories. To this day his laughter rings in my mind and his caring and calming ways made it enjoyable to be a patient, an employee and a friend. I loved the way he treated you Ann and his interaction with the children. He will be missed but will always remain in my heart as one of the best to cross my path. He will always and forever be near you. Love, Deanna###imported-begin##Ned and Deanna Hirz###imported-end##

May 08, 2011 at 02:15 AM



“ Ann, In the last two days my Virginia creeper has burst forth whereas there wasn't a sign of life before that. Is it possible that a man with so many other things on his mind and other people to see and care about would have taken the time to look over his Utah gardening effort? As always, you are a woman well worth modeling and I am grateful to be your sister and grateful that you can't do anything about it. See you soon.##imported-begin##Kathleen West##imported-end##

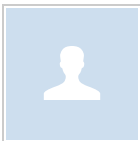
May 08, 2011 at 12:50 AM



“ we were so sorry to hear about rogers passing. the fairbanks family will be in our prayers. god bless you all.

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May 07, 2011 at 06:28 PM



“ Ann & Family-

I have many great memories of Bishop Fairbanks, especially with him smiling & laughing. . . what a great man! My daughter just quoted him in her 1st Sacrament Meeting talk last year too. You have such a great family. Sending prayers your way. . .

Love-

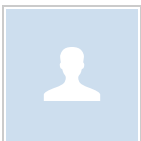
Emily##imported-begin##Emily Roberts Wilson##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 03:01 PM



“ *My dear sweet Ann... You are so loved and so very much missed! You have always been such a strong and diligent example. May you feel the comforter as he has promised to hold you up and I verify that he will. I know your pain and I know that words are not going to comfort you right now but I want you to know that you and your sweet family are in our prayers. Love you dear friend...##imported-begin##Sharon McConkie Sanderson##imported-end##*

May 07, 2011 at 02:53 PM



“ *Ann,*

My best wishes during your time of loss. Roger was a really good doctor and he will be missed forever.

Dale##imported-begin##H Dale Hellewell##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ann, This obituary is beautifully done. It is a wonderful reflection and tribute to Rober's life. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Barbra Moss##imported-end##*

May 07, 2011 at 10:07 AM



“ *I enjoyed playing the organ with Brother Fairbanks and wanted to send condolences to his wife and family. Your family is our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##James Haws Family##imported-end##*

May 07, 2011 at 12:17 AM



“ Ann, my parents, Drex and I, send you and your family our love. Roger was definitely one of the best bishops I have ever had and certainly the BEST chiropractor. I absolutely loved those few times we got together and made music -- many fond memories. We will miss him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest sympathies, The Palmers and the Hunsakers##imported-begin##Teresa Palmer##imported-end##

May 07, 2011 at 12:04 AM



“ Ann please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Belinda Alaniz##imported-end##

May 05, 2011 at 01:51 PM