



## John Melvin Moulton

April 2, 1921 - January 26, 2018

John Melvin Moulton graduated with honors from this phase of his eternal life on January 26, 2018 at the age of 96.

He now rejoins his beloved wife, Barbara McDonald Moulton, who passed on May 6, 2017. We know she is overjoyed to be with her "handsome dude" again. He also rejoins his parents, Earnest Dewey and Blanch VanWagoner Moulton; his younger brother, Derial (Erma); sisters LaRay Miller (Emmett) and Margie Peterson (Pete); and his little granddaughter, Emily Ann Moulton.

John Melvin was born April 2, 1921, in Heber City, Utah. He grew up in the home that his grandfather John Ephraim Moulton built, brick by brick, close to beloved cousins, aunts, and uncles. As the oldest son, he learned hard work on the family farm and ranch. This work ethic was something he carried with him throughout his entire life. Starting at an early age, he was always the consummate entrepreneur. In 1947 he started what came to be known as Moulton Machinery Company – a business that operated for 54 years in Heber Valley.

His service to country in the Army during World War II (1942 to 1945) was honorable and decorated. Years later he was thrilled to return to Europe and walk through the countries he had fought in, instead of having to "crawl over them."

He was highly involved in community and civic affairs, never missing an opportunity to build Heber Valley into a better place. He joined his ancestors in making Heber Valley what it is today: a safe, beautiful place to live.

John Melvin never shirked in helping to build the Lord's Kingdom. He always magnified his callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, including a mission to Nauvoo and Carthage, Illinois, from 1993 to 1994. His testimony of the Savior was unflappable. He led his family into full acceptance of the Lord's plan of salvation and showed us how to have eternal happiness.

He could repair almost anything and regularly did so for his family and friends. He certainly lived the old adage of "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without."

Barbara and Melvin spent several happy winters in Washington, Utah, where he learned the art of lapidary. He became quite good at it and gave away everything he made. If you ever received a gift of John Melvin's work and attend his funeral, please wear it.

He is survived by his younger sister, Colleen Frantz (Bud); son Michael "J" Moulton and his wife Ann; and his daughter Marilyn Hymas and her husband Richard. He was a wealthy man in posterity, with 12 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren. They were the joy of his life. He and Barbara could never do enough for them. Their visits to him were worth more than money could buy. He freely expressed his love and gratitude for their kindness up until his dying breath.

A viewing will be held Sunday, February 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Heber 9th Ward chapel, 325 E 500 N in Heber City. Funeral services will be held the following morning, February 5, at 11 a.m. with a viewing from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the same building. Interment will be at the Heber City Cemetery.

Our family extends heartfelt thanks to the caregivers at Sante Assisted Living Center and Applegate Hospice care.

# Cemetery

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## Heber City Cemetery

680 N. 550 E.

Heber City, UT, 84032

# Events

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**FEB** **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Heber 9th Ward

325 E. 500 N., Heber City, UT, US, 84032

**FEB** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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**FEB** **Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I am sorry that I could not attend the service for Uncle Melvin. I enjoyed reading the obituary and learned more about him. I was sad when I heard of his death, yet immediately happy for him that he would not be lonely anymore for Aunt Barbara. This life is short-but love and eternity are forever. I am confident that he is rejoicing with my Daddy and his other siblings and parents and loved ones. The pictures of him on this page are radiating joy and peace in his countenance. John and I have a wonderful memory of our last visit with Aunt Barbara and Uncle Melvin in their own home. They were so gracious and welcoming. There was a very good spirit in their home. And so much love. Margie Moulton Elwood

**Margie Elwood** - February 06, 2018 at 07:59 PM

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“ Great Uncle Melvin was such a kind, caring, and gentle person. I loved to visit him and Aunt Barbara at their home. They always made you feel so welcome. I am so glad they are together again.

**Susan Mattinson Hayes** - February 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I started woking for Melvin in 1966, the summer after I turned 16. I worked for him through high school after school and summers. I also worked for him the two summers I attended trade tech. Melvin was like my second dad. He taught me a lot about how to be a good mechanic, but even more more important than that, I learned a lot of life lessons from him. When he would go to Kamas to pickup a tractor or to Salt Lake to get a peice of machinery he would take me with him. We had a lot of time to talk. In his shop it was quite a trio, Geouge Luke, Melvin and myself. I was definitely the kid between two wise old sages. It was great to watch the respect they had for each other. I will ever be grateful for his great example and teachings. Over the years I have tried to keep in touch with him. The visits I have had with him will always be cherished memories. And yes, I will be wearing the silver dollar belt buckle he gave me to the funeral.  
Jay Anderson

**Jay Anderson** - February 04, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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“ Melvin and Barbara were great people with nice children. Our love and sympathy  
Dennis and Georgia Dawn Clegg

**Dennis Clegg** - February 01, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Darlene C. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John Melvin Moulton.



**Darlene C.** - February 01, 2018 at 03:47 PM

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“ The Elda (Robbins/Moulton) Ritchie clan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John Melvin Moulton.



**James Ritchie** - January 31, 2018 at 04:46 PM

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“ What a fine example and influence to have in the neighborhood where I grew up. Both he and Barbara were pillars. My deepest condolences to all the family.

**Brian Jorgensen** - January 30, 2018 at 10:13 AM