



Randy Johnson Vest

July 9, 1949 - February 6, 2025

Randy Johnson Vest, 75, of Winnsboro, Texas, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2025, surrounded by the love of his life, Kristine, and his five adoring children. After a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease, he left this world a richer place for all who knew him.

Born on July 9, 1949, in Spanish Fork, Utah, to Dean Shepherd Vest and Emma Jean Johnson Vest, Randy was the original "big brother" to four sisters, a role he cherished and played with a mix of playful teasing and unwavering support. He married his sweetheart, Kristine Varley, on December 16, 1971, in the LDS Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and a whole lot of family.

Randy's life was marked by dedication, integrity, and a deep commitment to his family, his faith, and his community. He graduated from Brigham Young University in December 1973, a milestone that launched a successful and fulfilling career. He began his professional journey in Chicago, Illinois, working for Ernst & Ernst in public accounting, before joining Kimberly-Clark in January 1977. His 33-year tenure with Kimberly-Clark took him and his family to Wisconsin, Connecticut, and eventually Texas, where he retired as Vice President and Controller. Throughout his career, Randy's expertise and leadership were recognized by his peers, leading to his service on the Brigham Young University National Advisory Council and the Financial

Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Randy was a man of diverse interests and passions. He enjoyed staying active with basketball, racquetball, waterskiing, cycling, and adventurous motorcycle trips with his wife or brothers-in-law. His greatest joy, however, was spending time with his fifteen grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Pops." He showered them with affection, sharing stories, laughter, and creating memories that will be cherished for generations.

Randy's deep and abiding faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ was a cornerstone of his life. He faithfully answered numerous calls to serve in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, including serving as President of the Missouri Independence Mission, First Counselor in the presidency of the Dallas, Texas Temple, Stake President, Bishop, Branch President, and Elders Quorum President, Missionary in the Okinawa, Japan Mission (Oct. 1968 - Jan. 1971), among other callings. His service was characterized by compassion, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

Randy will be remembered for his quick wit, friendly demeanor, and a certain admirable frugality. More importantly, he will be remembered for his unwavering faith, his deep love for his wife, his devotion as a loving father, and his role as a cherished grandfather.

Those left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Kristine Vest; his children, Damian Vest (Jami), Jeffrey Vest, Kevin Vest (Megan), Jennifer Hatch (Shayne), and Julie Getmanenko (Stas); his sisters, Bonnie Smith, Collette Wahlen, Robyn Peterson, and MerriLyn Gotter; and his fifteen grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Damian Vest, Jeffrey Vest, Kevin Vest, Shayne Hatch, Stas

Getmanenko, Carter Vest, Landon Vest, Nolan Hatch, Nikolai Getmanenko, Sawyer Vest, Aleksey Getmanenko, Dane Hatch.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, February 14, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Quitman, Texas. Available on Zoom with ID 960 7695 7744 passcode 255763. Interment to follow at Kelsey Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 10:00 am, prior to the service. Arrangements are under the direction of McWhorter Funeral Home.

Please visit Randy's online registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family. We will miss Randy dearly, but we are eternally grateful for the time we had with him and the indelible mark he left on our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Kelsey Cemetery

6380 Magnolia Rd
Gilmer, TX 75644

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Quitman, Texas
1128 East Goode St.
Quitman, TX 75783

Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randy Johnson Vest.

February 15, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Randy Vest Funeral Service



McWhorter Funeral Home - February 14, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ Randy is a very special, wonderful, kind and loving man. He will always remain with us in our hearts.

Val Getmanenko - February 14, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ Val and Natasha Getmanenko purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.



Val and Natasha Getmanenko - February 14, 2025 at 11:16 AM

VG

“ Val and Natasha Getmanenko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Johnson Vest.

Val and Natasha Getmanenko - February 14, 2025 at 11:16 AM

NG

“ I remember Randy as we first time walked to his house; his friendly warm smile, welcomes. He was a great person with a big heart. We had a wonderful experience together in Moscow, and everyone of our friends said how wonderful Randy was. And we will remember him because he is still with us, in our hearts. We pray for him.
Natasha Getmanenko

NATALIYA GETMANENKO - February 14, 2025 at 10:51 AM

TA

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear about the passing of Randy Vest. He was a blessed part of our family for many years, as a home teacher, Bishop, Stake President, and most importantly, a friend. He truly cared about us and helped us through difficult times. We loved him.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kris as she navigates the challenges ahead without her eternal partner - for a while, until they are together again.

Terry Allen

Terry Allen - February 13, 2025 at 11:15 PM

JB

“*Serving in the Independence Missouri Office with President Vest was truly an enlightening and wonderful experience. He led us in a way, that you wanted to give of your all. He was fun, but made sure you got the message when he needed something done. He knew I had a grandma mode & a mom mode, and he let me know when I needed to be strong (with the young Elders and Sisters) and that I needed to be in the mom mode for sure. (I guess Joe & I need ask for forgiveness, Sister Vest). One day Joe was eating a Twinkie for his lunch, and President Vest asked me if I was going to let him eat that, (I have no say in what Joe eats) and then he actually said I am a Snowball man, myself). So Joe and I gave him a box of snowballs for Christmas, and he hid it in his office drawer. The next year we were home, so we sent him another box of Snowballs in the office marked for his eyes only. He is a man who changed my life for the Best, FOREVER. Sister Vest, your influence and your ability to organize changed my life for Better (I still like goodies, but I eat a lot less of them now, and I eat healthier and better so I can maintain a healthy weight.) I am so sorry for your loss, but grateful that you have such a strong testimony and realize that this is not the end. It sounds like your children and grandchildren and friends are gathering around you. We are thinking and praying for you and your family. Evelyn Black*

Sister Vest: As you know, there were days during our mission when all I wanted to do was get on I-70 and head west back to Utah. Not being an accountant and being tasked with the duties of the financial secretary for the mission, I had many anxious moments. During my exit interview with President Vest, he told me that from the moment I assumed the financial responsibilities for the mission, he never gave them another thought. That vote of confidence from him, made the entire mission experience worth while. Serving as the Mission Presidency Executive Secretary gave me an expanded respect for all the demands placed on President Vest as a Mission President. He was extremely true and faithful to his calling, and was loved and appreciated by all. We will miss him, and are praying for you and your family. Elder Black

Joseph Gayle Black - February 13, 2025 at 04:54 PM

TD

“ *Kris and Family*

I am so sorry for the passing of Randy. As a leader at KC there was no doubt what he stood for yet he was very fair. As a mentor I am grateful it was career long. As a friend I remember his visit to the family farm to enjoy some sport hunting and meet and have dinner with my family. May he rest in peace.

Tim Domaszek

Tim Domaszek - February 13, 2025 at 02:47 PM

HT

“ *Howard & Elaine Johnson family, Steve & Diane, Brad & Michelle, Julie & Kim & Tricia purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



Howard & Elaine Johnson family, Steve & Diane, Brad & Michelle, Julie & Kim & Tricia - February 13, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Randy Johnson Vest.*

February 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



February 12, 2025 at 09:00 PM



“ *Rodney and Barb Olsen purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



Rodney and Barb Olsen - February 12, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ *Jill A. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Johnson Vest.*

Jill A. - February 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



February 12, 2025 at 03:52 PM

KM

“ Kelsie Thompson and Amelia Ward, MIM purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.



Kelsie Thompson and Amelia Ward, MIM - February 12, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TB

“ When I think of a financial controller and business executive, Randy is the image I see. Dependable, straight-shooter, honest and transparent. He was equally impactful outside of work as a devoted family man and in service to his church. The kind of role model we could use more of. Rest in peace Randy, you made an impact.

Ted Banker - February 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

ST

“ 2 files added to the album MIM



Sister Toutai - February 12, 2025 at 12:35 AM

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“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.



February 11, 2025 at 08:34 PM

MI

“*Kristine and family, I am so sorry to hear of Randy’s passing. My condolences to each of you. He was a treasured friend and an amazing mentor during my early years with K-C. He was a great example in so many ways. Eaters of peace and comfort for the family.*

Mike Isom - February 11, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MI

....Prayers of peace and comfort for the family.

Mike Isom - February 11, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KS

*Kristine and Kids, I have not stopped thinking about Randy leaving our immediate view and Charlotte and I are so sorry for your temporary separation. I can't help thinking that he will be as near to you as he can be although I sense that he will be busy and responsible where he is. Some years ago I was helping with arrangements for a loved one. I was sort of hoping for a tender moment of nearness and got instead a prompting that indicated he was on his way to a training meeting. It made me smile to overcome some emptiness of my own. I guess I have a story that others could also tell but here goes:
Randy and I have shared the same profession, accounting. Once in a temple interview he spent a moment talking about being honest in my dealings with other people. He integrated his faith into all the aspects of his life and that was a great example to me. Over the years those values have become less and less common and those who maintain them more difficult to find. I have thought of that moment many times when faced with ethical decisions and I hope that I would always make the ethical decision anyway but I made it with more confidence because of that simple moment. I will never have the profile that Randy has had here in mortality but I am very grateful for his example and influence in my life. Even though the marbles he collected will not go with him all of his goodness and development have. I guess it is now up to us to treasure the marbles he left behind.*

Kent Speirs - February 14, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



February 11, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ *Larry & Carol Spencer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



Larry & Carol Spencer - February 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.*



February 10, 2025 at 11:55 PM



“ *From Walsh Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Randy Johnson Vest.*

From Walsh Family - February 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM

FF

“ From Walsh Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Randy Johnson Vest.



From Walsh Family - February 10, 2025 at 08:30 PM

QC

“ It’s hard to put into words the impact President Vest had on my life, but I know I’m not alone in feeling that way. He was the kind of person who made it abundantly clear that he cared—not just about us as missionaries, but as individuals with lives beyond the mission.

One of my favorite memories with him was our little weight-loss competitions. He even offered to let me work out at the mission home before realizing it was probably too far to be practical. It was such a small thing, but it was just another example of how he found ways to connect with and encourage us in whatever we were working on.

Even after my mission, he somehow made time to stay in touch. Every now and then, we’d catch up on the phone, talking about dating, life, and whatever else was going on. It always amazed me how, despite having so many missionaries to look after, he made each of us feel like we were one of just a few.

President Vest was a remarkable man, and I’ll always be grateful for the lasting impact he had on my life. I know I’m a better person for having known him.

Quinn Crowton - February 10, 2025 at 05:29 PM