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Val Dee Weenig

BIRTH	19 May 1941 Ogden, Weber County, Utah, USA
DEATH	11 Jun 2018 (aged 77) Vancouver, Clark County, Washington, USA
BURIAL	Eastonville Cemetery Eastonville, El Paso County, Colorado, USA
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Val Dee Weenig was born, May 19, 1941 in Ogden, UT to Harry Nephi Weenig and Evelyn Thompson. He was their 6th child, preceded by Doris, Harry, Jay, Janet, and Max; followed by Lynn and Clair. When Evelyn was trying to decide what to name him, her sister, LauRene suggested she name him after Prince Valiant (Prince Val), which was the main character in a comic strip. His middle name came from the McKay Dee Hospital where he was born. If you had to choose one word to describe Val it would be Valiant. One day, as he was playing baseball with his brothers, he was accidentally hit in the head with a baseball bat. He was knocked out and his brothers took him to his bed and dressed him in his pajamas where he stayed for three days. His parents had no idea what happened to him. Val developed a palsy in his face which caused his speech to be slurred. His brothers did not tell his parents and Val never knew until decades later why he had slurred speech. His first grade teacher called him an imbecile and stated that he could not read or speak. His second grade teacher was a godsend and quickly recognized Val's gift with calculating mental math. She evaluated him to be very bright and assigned him speech therapy words to practice. He also practiced his reading to get up to grade level. He overcame this challenge with hard work and perseverance to be an avid scholar. He loved to work with his dad and brothers at his father's grocery store. He also loved working on his Grandpa Thompson's farm as a boy. When he was starting his secondary education, his family moved to Boise, ID. He graduated from Borah High School in 1959. He loved being active through playing basketball, football and track. He was hoping to play basketball during college, but received a severe ankle sprain during his senior year basketball season which ended his high school basketball career. His favorite class was his English-Lit class where he read Shakespeare and other classics. Throughout his life he loved to collect, read, and study books. He received a full-ride scholarship to play football for BYU. His freshmen coach was Lavelle Edwards. He admired Lavelle Edwards and worked hard to play his best. Val played both tackle and lineman, often playing all 60 minutes of games. He received several athletic and academic awards for his abilities, one of which was the A. Smith Pond award in 1963. Val completed his four year football scholarship and prepared himself to serve a full-time mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in the Central States Mission which included the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Iowa from 1963 to 1965. He returned to finish his final semester of college and graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Zoology with a minor in pre-med.

He met his sweetheart, Patty McCurdy at a mission reunion.. After a short courtship, they were married in the Idaho Falls Temple September 4, 1968. Val attended dental school at Northwestern University in Chicago. After graduating in 1972, he moved his family to Colorado Springs, CO and established his dental practice there for over 30 years. He was innovative in his dental practice, offering dental implants and obtaining the first dental laser in Colorado Springs in the 1980's. He was active in continuing his professional education and training by attending countless dental seminars and conventions. He often would use his hand puppet, Donald Duck, and mimic Donald's voice to help children feel at ease during their dental visits. He was loved by his patients and he took great care and pride in his dentistry. Val was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served willingly and happily in any position he was asked to serve in.

Many years were devoted to serving in bishoprics and branch presidencies, as scout master, gospel doctrine teacher, and family history consultant. He served, along with his wife, a three-year mission assignment as family history consultants for FamilySearch. Together they served patrons who needed assistance using FamilySearch.org. He loved genealogy and was actively working on connecting parents and children in his family tree. Val was a committed and supportive husband, father and grandfather. Val was a good son and honored his parents. He truly enjoyed providing for his family, both temporally and in other important ways. Family trips and fun times skiing in Breckenridge, Colorado are among his children's cherished memories. He loved teaching, and was good at it. Lessons he skillfully and patiently taught his family will be long-remembered.

He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Jason Thomas Weenig; his parents, two sisters, four brothers, and his mother and father-in-law Lucille and Wesley McCurdy. He cherished each one of his 20 grandchildren. Val was devoted to his Savior, Jesus Christ. He loved the Book of Mormon and knew from his own experience that it was Another Testament of Jesus Christ. One of his favorite scriptures is taken from 2 Nephi 25:26 from the Book of Mormon which reads, "And we talk of Christ, we preach of Christ, we prophesy of Christ, and we write according to our prophecies, that our children may know to what source they may look for a remission of their sins."

Colorado Springs viewing June 29, 2108 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at The Springs Funeral Services North (6575 Oakwood Blvd, Colorado Springs). Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Black Forest LDS Chapel located at 6950 Shoup Rd, Colorado Springs. Burial in Eastonville Cemetery.

Family Members

Parents	Siblings
 Harry Nephi Weenig 1907–1974	 Doris Weenig Black 1932–2011
 Evelyn Thompson Weenig 1911–1973	 Harry Merwin Weenig 1933–2016
	 Jay Frederick Weenig 1935–2015
	 Janet Weening Owens 1936–2017
	 Lynn Ray Weenig 1947–2001
Children	
 Jason Thomas Weenig 1978–1994	