



Virgil Hugh Camp

Virgil Hugh Camp, a resident of Redlands, passed away peacefully of natural causes at Redlands Community Hospital on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, attended by his wife and daughter.

Virgil was born on Feb. 2, 1931, in Malad, Idaho. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Brigham Young University.

His passion and love for music were contagious, and he touched so many people through his life and music. A lifelong musician, director and conductor, he was a dynamic force in cultivating the arts in whatever community he lived in. In the Inland Empire, he was the director of music for the Fontana Unified School District, musical and choral director for the San Bernardino Civic Light Opera, director of the Fontana Music Theatre, chairman of the Redlands Bowl Young Artists Competition, president of the San Bernardino County Music Educators Association, and director of the Virgil Camp Chorale, which performed regionally including at the Redlands Bowl.

Switching gears professionally, he taught third grade at Shadow Hills Elementary School in Fontana for more than 20 years, where he was named Teacher of the Year in 2009. An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served as the stake choir director for many years. His dedication to serving the Lord through music was unparalleled. He will always be remembered for his enthusiasm, humor, and kindness.

A loving and supportive husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Jennifer; daughters Courtney, Leslie, Kerin and Barbara; and sons Larry and Ron. He is preceded in death by his son, Jeff. He is also survived by his sisters Marcene, Jan and Jennifer.

His funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 24, with the viewing at noon at the Redlands LDS Stake Center, 350 S. Wabash Avenue. His graveside service will be Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10:15 a.m. at the Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside.