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The Advocate

Letter From The President
Richard Petersen

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2025.

As I contemplated writing this letter, my thoughts were taken to reflect on the past year and expressions of gratitude. So many dedicate their time and talents to this organization and the industry it represents.

Thank you to all those who organized the conference and to everyone who participated and contributed to its success. The show this year was great! We raised a record amount of money for the kids and there were several new faces at the show. It was great to see everyone!

Sadly, two members of the association were not able to make it this year. Mr. Norman Howard passed away back in late November of 2024 and Mr. Ron Peterson on January 15, 2025. Their obituaries have been included in this newsletter. They will be sorely missed both as friends and colleagues.

Mr. Ron Peterson was a wealth of knowledge that he readily shared with anyone who would listen. He was one of the best people that represented our industry and selflessly gave of his time and talents. On a personal note, I will definitely miss my Cuz!

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- Dec 9-11, 2025
NGWA Groundwater Week
- June 6, 2025
Moab PED and Summer Retreat
- Jan 7-9, 2026 UGWA Annual
Conference & Expo

Letter From The President—Cont'd

Richard Petersen

I like to think of this association as community that reaches out in times of need. Please, if you know of any members within the association that are ill or struggling, let someone on the association board know.

May you all have a great New Year and continue to be safe, prosperous, and healthy. I look forward to seeing some of you throughout the year and hopefully all of you at the show next year.

Your President,

Richard Petersen

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2025 UGWA Conference Recap

Mark Chandler

Thanks to everyone that attended and participated our recent conference in Mesquite January 8th -10th. This year we had 188 attendees and 29 booths from our vendors. It was a well-attended conference and it was great to have everyone back together.

We had another great turnout at the golf tournament. Thanks to Steve Price/Delco Western for their continued support. We had over 48 participants yet again.

As in past years, thanks to Dave Worwood/4-D and Charlie Fox/Franklin Electric for putting on the skeet shoot event too. This event was well attended with over 40 participants as well.

On Thursday, we started the conference with Jim Goddard providing the Utah Rules, Issues and Updates presentation. He will also be presenting these at Moab in the summer. He was followed by Lance Nielsen from Hansen, Allen and Luce presenting on Well Development and Rehabilitation and Larry Oxenham from American Society for Asset Protection presented on Succession Planning. These presentations provided great insights for the attendees and many people stayed after to ask questions of each of the presenters.

As usual, we had another great auction on Thursday night run by Jeremy Anzalone who did a great job for our fundraising efforts. We raised a total of \$25,864 for the scholarship fund. We also raised another \$775 for the crisis fund from the quilt tickets and cash donations. We depend heavily on the generosity and participation of attendees at these events, and we are able to do so much good with the money that is raised. Thank you to everyone.

Friday started with a class on pump sizing and selection from Delco Western. Jeremy Bauer with Hydro Resources presented on Jobsite Safety on drill sites. Mark Chandler then led a discussion on Employee retention and the day was finished with an overall discussion on Workforce Challenges in the drilling area. The interaction with all of the attendees were amazing and we appreciate everyone's interactions.

We also had our general membership meeting and board elections. With some concerns, Aaron Alton has decided to step down as President Elect and we held another election for that position. Mike Anzalone decided to step back into the position of President Elect. Most of our board members remained the same.

The conference is only possible due to all of the support from Colette Lynch and our other volunteers Carmella Worwood and Rachael Ritter as well as our sponsors.

Thanks to our Platinum Sponsors 2M, Mitchel Lewis and Staver, Western Hydro, Delco Western, Franklin Electric and 4D. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support.

We look forward to the Moab Retreat on June 6th. More information to follow for that. The registration for next year has also been opened for our annual conference back in Mesquite January 7th – 9th. We look forward to seeing you all then. Thanks again for everyone's participation and we look forward to seeing you again next year.



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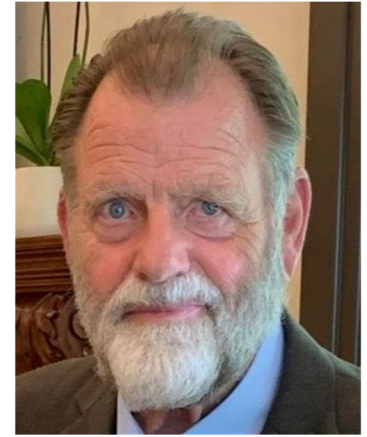
Norman Albert Howard, age 85, died on Thursday, November 28, 2024 in Kanab, Utah. Born September 23, 1939 in Compton, California to Fredonia Myrtle Tempe and Norman Nicholas Howard. He married Barbara Ann Herring in 1960 in Barstow. To their union was born 2 children; Norman and Monica. Barbara passed in 1991. Norman served his country by enlisting in the Marines and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. He was trained to be an expert marksman rising to serve as a sniper in Force Recon. He took over his father's business, Howard Pump Incorporated and worked nearly his whole life bringing water to the California, Nevada, and Arizona residents. In 1996 he passed the business to his son and nephews so he could spend more time in the out of doors. He married Carole Lorraine and they were married in 1992. They moved to the North Fork Area to enjoy the blessings of southern Utah later moving to the Meadow Creek Ranch at North Mineral.

Norman loved Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Camping, and off roading. He was one who loved to work hard and recreate even harder, while sharing the beauty of the outdoors with others. Norman was a loving husband who was endless in his care of those who filled his heart. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, in 1991 and later by his second wife, Carole, in 2022. He is survived by his children; Norman (Karen) Howard and Monica (Paul) Walton and stepson Kyle Schafer, 9 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Norman on Saturday, December 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Calvary Chapel, in Kanab. A reception will follow at Giff's BBQ. He will be laid to rest after the new year at Mountain View Memorial Park of Barstow, California. For those who cannot attend in person, you can join his memorial service on Facebook, or YouTube, by searching for "Calvary Chapel Kanab" in either application.

Dad usually wore blue jeans... so to Commemorate his service in the Marines, the family will be wearing blue jeans with a red, white, or blue shirt/top and invite those who attend the memorial to do the same.

Ronald Peterson
May 11, 1946 — January 15, 2025
Elsinore, Utah



With hearts full of gratitude, we remember the life of Ronald B Peterson, who departed this world on January 15, 2025. A man of profound faith, unshakable dedication, and quiet strength, Ron's life was a gift to all who knew him.

Born on May 11, 1946, to Harold Peterson and Thelma Bastian Peterson, Ron was the third of six children. He was preceded in death by his older sister, Diane, his younger brother Joe at the tender age of 4, his grandson and granddaughter-in-law - Tyson and Kallie, and his granddaughter Sarah. Ron approached life with stubborn resilience and an enduring faith in eternal reunions.

Ron met the love of his life, Linda Hansen, and they were sealed for time and all eternity on June 24, 1966, in the Manti Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Together, they spent the last 58 years building a family centered on love, faith, and service as they raised four children: Ronald Brook of Parker, CO (Mary), David Troy of Mesa, AZ (Terrie), Shannon Wilkinson of Fernley, NV (John), and Benjamin H of Eagle Mountain, UT (Summer).

Ron is survived by his loving wife Linda, his brothers, Steve, Lane, and Todd. He is also survived by his 4 children, 7 grand children, and 3 great grandchildren.

Professionally, Ron dedicated his life to hard work and ingenuity, serving as a drilling fluid and water well resource specialist—a career he proudly referred to as being a “Mud Man.” His expertise and commitment spanned decades, leaving a legacy of respect and admiration in his field.

A graduate of Southern Utah State College with a bachelor's degree in business, Ron valued education and shared the importance of knowledge with his family and community.

Ron's faith was the cornerstone of his life. As a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he lived as an example of service, kindness, and humility. His life was one of contribution, uplifting others, and strengthening the foundation of goodness for those around him. Ron was quick witted and always ready with a joke. He was the voice of love and reason that so many people turned to for advice and encouragement.

Above all, Ron will be remembered as a husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend whose love knew no bounds. His influence will live on in the lives of those who were blessed to know him.

As we say goodbye for now, we express our deepest gratitude for the time we had with Ron. He taught us by word and example to value family, hard work, and faith. Though his passing leaves a void, we find peace in knowing that his legacy endures, and we look forward to a joyous reunion.

Rest well, Ron. You were deeply loved, and you will be dearly missed. Until we meet again

Funeral services will be Friday, January 24, 2025 at 12:00 Noon at the Elsinore 1st Ward Chapel. There will be a viewing on Thursday evening from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at Magleby Mortuary and Friday prior to services at the church from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Interment will be in the Salina Eastside Cemetery.



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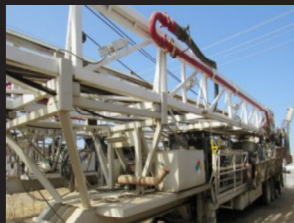


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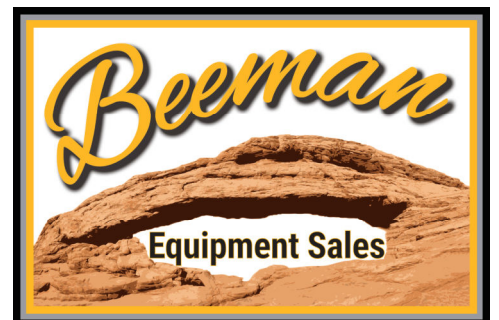
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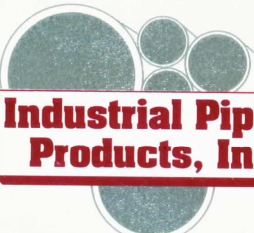


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