



Vance J. Finlinson passed away peacefully, on February 16, 2026 in Oak City, Utah in the same blessed location he was born 90 years earlier to Dwain J. and Harriet Wells Finlinson. He lived a full and healthy life, rooted in work, faith, and family.

He was raised on the family farm and ranch where hard work, integrity, and devotion to family were abound. As a young man, he treasured time spent with his uncles, great-uncles, grandfathers, and extended family. Those experiences helped shape the man he became.

He graduated from Delta High School and later served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Northern California, laboring faithfully in the San Francisco Bay Area. Upon returning home, he continued his education at Brigham Young University, where he earned a master's degree in political science.

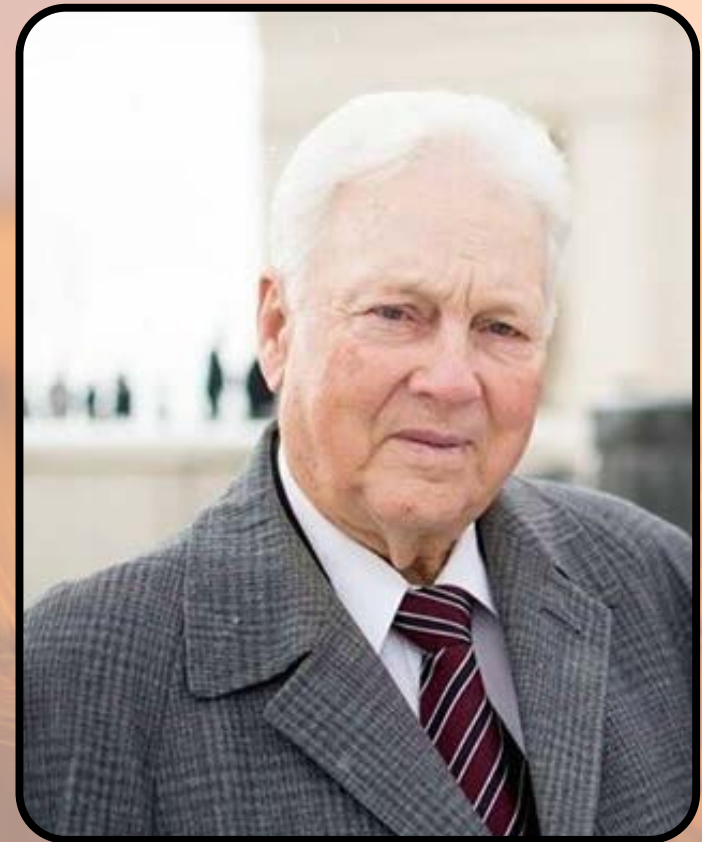
Vance possessed a deep and abiding testimony of his Savior, Jesus Christ. He served faithfully in many callings, including decades as a dedicated masterful teacher. He was gifted with a keen intellect and a profound understanding of the gospel, and was renowned for his love and command of scripture. His faith and testimony were pillars not only in his own life but in the lives of his family and others.

In 1969, Vance married Helen George, for time and all eternity in the Manti Utah Temple. Together they built a beautiful life where they were richly blessed with 8 children, 37 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. They made their home in Oak City, Utah on the family farm and ranch they loved. Family was the great treasure of Vance's life. He cherished and maintained close relationships with members of six generations. He genuinely took interest in each of their lives, sharing in their joys and challenges. His remarkable memory, steady presence, and sincere love made every member feel seen, known, and valued. His home was his haven, and being with his family was his top priority. He was always present—teaching, listening, guiding, and supporting. This was his life and legacy.

Vance's life was a testament to faith, hard work, learning, and enduring love. His steady example, powerful testimony, and deep devotion to his Savior and his family will continue to bless generations to come. He will be dearly missed and forever remembered.



In Loving Memory of Vance J Finlinson



September 26, 1935 - February 16, 2026



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Oak City, Utah

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PARENTS

Dwain J and Harriet Wells Finlinson

MARRIED

Helen George - December 20, 1969 Manti Temple

CHILDREN

Jean, George, Fran, Matt, Joshua/OJ, Susan, Heber, Jacob

SERVICES

February 21, 2026 11:00am LDS Church Oak City, Utah

Vance is survived by his children: Jean (David) Turner of Elk Ridge, George Finlinson of Oak City, Fran (Doug) Petersen of Nephi, Matthew (Jenni) Finlinson of Oak City, Joshua/OJ (Kara) Finlinson of Sutherland, Susan, (Jared) Christensen of Delta, Heber (Shelly) Finlinson of Oak City, and Jacob (Kate) Finlinson of Spanish Fork. He also leaves behind his 37 cherished grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, Siblings; Judy Lyman, Ken Finlinson, Jane Persons, Karl Finlinson, Evan Finlinson, Brent Rogers, and Sharron Hoenes.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Helen George Finlinson, his parents, Dwain J and Harriet Wells Finlinson, Dorthy Finlinson, and his brothers Rex W and Dwain W Finlinson

Funeral Services

February 21, 2026

Family Prayer Heber Finlinson (Son)
Officiating Hans Lovell
Prelude & Postlude Music: Rosie Travis
Chorister Debbie Lopez
Opening Hymn Hymn 85

“How Firm a Foundation”

Invocation Jared Christensen (son in law)
Speaker Jean Turner (daughter)
Speaker George Finlinson (son)
Speaker Fran Petersen (daughter)
Speaker Matt Finlinson (son)
Musical Number..... Savannah Finlinson (Granddaughter in law)
Speaker Joshua/ OJ Finlinson (son)
Speaker Susan Christensen (daughter)
Speaker Heber Finlinson (son)
Speaker Jacob Finlinson (son)
Closing Hymn Hymn 165

“Abide With Me Tis Eventide”

Benediction Douglas Pertersen (son in law)

Casket Bearers:

George Finlinson, Matt Finlinson, Joshua/OJ Finlinson, Heber Finlinson, Jacob Finlinson, Doug Petersen, David Turner, Jared Christensen

Honorary Casket Bearers:

Joshua Turner, Sam Finlinson, Parley Petersen, Oran Finlinson, Will Finlinson, Joseph Turner, Brigham Turner, Daniel Turner, Garrett Finlinson, Wyatt Finlinson, James Turner, Zane Finlinson, Chance Finlinson, Cam Christensen, Kit Finlinson, Rhett Finlinson, George Finlinson

Dedication of Grave Joshua/ OJ Finlinson (son)
Interment Oak City Cemetery
Compassionate Service Oak City 1st Ward

Olpin Stevens Funeral Home