Brooke Grant

August 27, 1935 ~ September 5, 2017

Brooke Grant, beloved husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully on September 5, 2017. This brilliant man, with an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, was caught in the mean grip of Alzheimer's disease for the past nine years. He is whole again and no doubt holding tightly to his son, Preston, his parents and those of his siblings who preceded him in death. Having lived life with a big warm heart, he leaves a legacy of generosity, wisdom, and love.

Born August 27, 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Mildred and Van Grant, Brooke spent much of his youth on a ranch in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated high school in San Marino, California and attended UCLA before completing most of his studies at the University of Utah, where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Brooke grew up in a big family with eight brothers and sisters. They were an eclectic and talented bunch and cared for each other deeply.

At the urging of their mothers, who were longtime friends, Brooke and Sally Creer met at the "U" and instantly fell for each other. They married on December 30, 1957, a love affair that lasted for more than 60 years. They were blessed with five children and eight grandchildren who meant the world to them. Brooke adored Sally. He loved to take her on trips around the world and they had a wealth of wonderful experiences in foreign lands. As his children, we saw the love they shared and we were fortunate to have grown up in their home.

Brooke earned a law degree from Stanford University and worked for Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, the international accounting firm based in San Francisco. He also worked for Varian Associates , one of the earliest Silicon Valley technology companies. But the entrepreneurial fire always burned brightly in Brooke and, using his financial knowledge and deft negotiating skill, he would go on to purchase Utah's Tracy Collins Bank and Trust with two partners. Later, he put together a group to purchase the NY Stock Exchange-listed Talcott National, the largest factoring firm in the United States and became the company's CEO. Over the years he bought a number of struggling companies to turn them around into successful ventures and was also involved in real estate development throughout Utah.

He was a teacher at heart and said the years teaching business law at Brigham Young University was one of the favorite periods of his life. Brooke faced definite ups and downs along the path of his business career but moved through them with courage and optimism, passing along lessons of determination and hard work to his children.

Brooke grew up in a tennis-playing family and loved playing and teaching the game. He was a nationally-ranked junior player in the 1950's and played for both UCLA and the University of Utah. He stayed with his passion for tennis until his later seventies when it became more and more difficult for him to move around the court. Brooke was also passionate about flying, he learned to fly while a college student and piloted his own small planes, from small single engine Piper Cubs to larger twin engine planes. He loved to fly his family to different spots around the

western United States and none of us will ever forget his calm demeanor when we invariably ran into vicious weather, and while we sat white knuckled in our seats as the small plane was pitched about in the storm, it didn't seem to bother him in the least. In later years, he took up painting and through hard work became quite skilled and he gifted some treasured paintings to his family,Äîhe loved to paint images of Utah's incomparable desert landscape.

Brooke will be remembered for his love of people, his commitment to the gospel, his tenderness and his generosity. He cherished the opportunity to serve as a Bishop, as a member of the Ecumenical Council of Park City, and as Branch President at the LDS Hospital for a number of years. He was endlessly supportive of his children and a terrific grandpa. Alzheimer's may have limited his mind but not his heart. In one lucid moment not long ago he finished an evening with family with his signature phrase, "I hope I can be of help to you in some small way." We will miss him dearly.

We thank his kind and compassionate caregivers at Silverado, The Ridge Senior Living Center, and Touching Hearts for the comfort they provided to Brooke as well as to his family. We are particularly grateful to Fernando Enriquez for his devotion and care for Brooke.

Brooke is survived by his wife Sally, his sister Pamela Grant (Dan Cracchiolo) and brothers Greg, Jolyon, and Land (Renee) Grant and his children Elizabeth Grant, Greg Grant, Allison (Kenn) Dayton, and Pamela (Stephen) Caine. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Treasure, Skyelor, Van, and his eldest son Preston. He will be remembered by eight loving grandchildren, Devin, Jacob, and Luke Dayton, Zackery Lewis, Benjamin, Emily, Elizabeth, and Caroline Caine.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Mary's Ward (1320 Wasatch Drive). Viewings will be held on Sunday, September 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Larkin Mortuary (2350 East 1300 South) and on Monday, September 11, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church prior to services.