Robert Lynn Sorbonne

September 19, 1921 ~ September 15, 2017

Robert Lynn Sorbonne,Äîour beloved father, grandfather, and friend,Äîreturned to his heavenly home on September 15, 2017, after passing away peacefully in his sleep. Throughout his remarkable 95-year journey, Bob was the embodiment of integrity, energy, service, love, and most of all, indomitable joy.

Bob was born September 19, 1921, in Salt Lake City, Utah. His parents, Hannes Efraim and Olga Maria Lundquist Sorbonne were thrilled,Äîparticularly Hannes who dreamt of future father-and-son trips. Tragically, Hannes died when Bobby was two. As a toddler, Bobby would climb out of his crib and into his mother\s bed to comfort her with pats on the cheek.

As a child during the Depression, Bobby chopped kindling, mowed steep lawns, even sold magazines on skis to help provide for his family. He grew up quickly but never lost his intense joy for life or playful spirit.

At West High, Bob became a distinguished ROTC Captain. In his freshman English class, he fell hopelessly in love with the vivacious Betsy Bradley. After three years of carrying her books and another three years of wooing her from afar, Bob eventually convinced Betsy to marry him. On June 25, 1943, the two were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. He cherished his darling Betsy for the following 73 years.

Bob thrived at the University of Southern California College of Dentistry. After graduating with high honors, Bob taught at USC while practicing dentistry at night. He was inducted into the US Navy and was stationed in San Diego during WWII. After his release, the family moved to Salt Lake, where he gained widespread recognition for his masterful clinical work and immaculate gold restorations. Bob served on the Salt Lake Board of Health, as President of the Salt Lake Dental Society, and was even elected a Fellow in the International College of Dentistry.

During the Korean War, Bob dutifully left his young family to serve his country aboard the USS Bryce Canyon. As a Lieutenant, he took great pride in providing comfort to ailing soldiers. And instead of harboring hate towards the enemy, Bob returned to fill his home with Asian art.

Much of Bob's life was dedicated to service within the LDS church as a Young Men's MIA President, Sunday School Superintendent, Bishop, Temple Square Host, and Temple Sealer.

Above all, Bob was a devoted son, brother, and husband and was enchanted with his role as father and grandfather. In the spirit of his departed father, Bob filled his children and grandchildren's lives with boundless love, fun, and laughter. Bob's sense of humor was legendary. Whether it was chasing a hunting friend with an elk bladder, convincing a grandson that he went bald from a distracted barber, or even quipping how handsome he was during his final days, Bob knew the power of laughter to bring joy, connection, and comfort.

Ultimately, Bob lived his life to the fullest. His days brimmed with family, Godly service, meaningful work, tennis, dancing, boating, golfing, skiing, painting, and,Äîof course,Äîwhistling. Our beloved Bob, we're comforted to know

that you'll soon be in the arms of your dear father, mother, and wife. In the playful phrase you so often used, "you go straight home, now."

Bob is survived by four children: Bob (Carol) Sorbonne, Sherie Demple, Rita (Frank) Gooch, Ralph (April) Sorbonne, and son-in-law: Roger Holbrook (Tanny); 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Betsy Bradley Sorbonne; daughter, Tanny Holbrook; son-in-law, Joseph Demple; grandchild, Bradley Sorbonne; and grandchild, John Anderson.

Funeral services will be held at the Monument Park Ward (2000 E. Michigan Ave.) on Monday, September 18, at 12:30 PM (one day before his 96th birthday). A viewing prior to the services will start at 10:30 AM. Interment will be held at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park, 3401 South Highland Drive.