Dallis Joseph Pierson

July 23, 1938 ~ October 29, 2018

Sandy, UT , Dallis Joseph Pierson passed away peacefully at home on October 29, 2018. Dallis was born in East Garland, Utah on July 23, 1938 to Luella Ramona Atkinson and Harmon Dudley Pierson. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Vicki Ann Francom, his four children, Gregory Dallis Pierson, Jana Pierson Shumway (Tracy), David James Pierson (Mauree), Lori Virginia Pierson Chapman, his 12 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and his siblings, Reed Pierson, Judy Garfield, and Ethelann Clark.

Dallis enjoyed a happy childhood on his parent's East Garland farm with his younger brother and sisters where he graduated from Bear River High School. He attended Utah State University for several years before working at Thiokol, where he was reintroduced to Vicki Francom, a young lady he knew from high school. They were sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on September 7, 1961. He graduated from Utah State University in 1965 with a bachelor's degree and received a Masters of Public Health from the University of North Carolina in 1966.

After graduation, he accepted a position with The American Lung Association and worked for them in Oregon, Nevada and Colorado from 1966 to 1987. In 1987, he accepted an Executive Director position with the American Red Cross, Salt Lake City Chapter until 1990, and was promoted to Regional Executive Officer, Mountain West Region from 1992 to 1998. In 1999, Gov. Mike Leavitt asked him to form the Utah Foster Care Foundation where he retired in 2008. He spent his working years in non-profit organizations and serving others.

He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had many callings over the years, including Elder's Quorum President, Young Men's President and Coach, Bishopric Counselor, Bishop, Stake Patriarch, and Temple Worker. He and Vicki were thrilled to be able to serve a mission in Sydney, Australia in 2009-2010. His favorite callings always involved working with the youth in any capacity.

Dallis and Vicki shared a love of travel and visited all seven continents, 65 countries, and saw five of the seven Wonders of the World, as well as visiting all 50 states in the USA. He served in the Utah National Guard for 10 years. He loved gardening, amusements parks (especially Disneyland), playing golf, fly-fishing, and his family and friends.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sandy Granite Stake Center, 2535 East Newcastle Drive, Sandy, Utah. Visitations will be Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, Utah and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy.