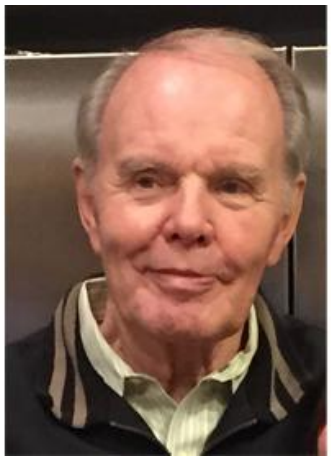


Richard Charles Blair

November 2, 1933 ~ April 30, 2020

Devoted father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle, Richard C. Blair, 86 of South Jordan, Utah. He fought a long battle after suffering a massive stroke in 2012. He passed away peacefully with three of his children by his side on April 30, 2020.

Richard was born in Salt Lake City, UT., to Thornton and Edith May Blair on Nov. 2, 1933. Richard graduated from West High School, Salt Lake City, UT in 1952. While in High School, he participated in ROTC. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Utah in 1956.

Richard married Janet May Schuma in 1953, later divorced. Together they had 4 children, Richard C. Blair, Jr. of El Paso, TX, Brenda Uffens (Greg) of St. George, UT, Kenny Blair (Adaire) of Farmington, UT, David Blair (Michelle) of South Jordan, UT. He is survived by 4 children, his best friend and brother Tom Blair (JoAnn), Salt Lake City, UT, and sister Ruth Case, Oregon; 13 grandchildren, and 23 Great Grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents, brother Don Blair, brother Kenneth Blair, sister Joyce Case, and son Bobby.

After graduation from the University of Utah, Richard was employed as a physical therapist at the VA hospital from 1957 to 1962.

His Civil Service Engineering career began as a Contracting Officer and Contract Negotiator for the U.S. Air Force, in 1962, retiring in 1987 from Hill Air Force Base. During his career at Hill AFB, he was stationed for 2 years in Taiwan, 3 years in Germany, and 2 years in Saudi Arabia.

After retiring from Hill AFB, worked for the State of Utah as an Economic development officer from 1987, retiring from this position in 2000.

Richard was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed skiing, camping, fishing, ballroom dancing, and traveling around the world. But above all, he loved his family.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the management and staff at Sagewood Assisted Living at Day Break for the kind and loving care they provided for our Dad.

We also want to give a heartfelt thank you to the caregivers at Good Shepherd Hospice, especially to the Cheerful Chaplain, Shantel McBride. She is the most caring, kind, and sharing person we have ever met. We are so fortunate to have had her in our Dad's life.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, May 8th at Larkin Sunset Gardens; 1950 East 10600 South, Sandy, UT.

The family regrets, that due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the viewing, services, and interment are restricted to family members only. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.