Joseph E. Montgomery

May 3, 1935 ~ February 26, 2018

Our dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend Joseph E. Montgomery passed away February 26, 2018 in Murray, Utah. Born on May 3, 1935, the oldest of five children. Joseph learned the value of hard work at a very early age and carried this work ethic throughout his entire lifetime.

Joseph played football for Mesa High School, graduating class of 1953. After High School, he joined the United States Army, with the goal in mind to save his money and go on an LDS mission and then attend college. In the Army, he served as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne, stationed in Germany.

Joseph lived a life of service to his Father in Heaven and was thankful for his many church callings throughout his life; one of the first being his mission to Canadian Mission, where Thomas S. Monson was his mission president. Following his mission, he returned to Mesa where he met Kliena Skousen whom he married seven months later. The couple was blessed with five wonderful children.

Joseph received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees of Family Sociology and Family Counseling from Brigham Young University. He was awarded a Ph.D. in Child Development and Marriage and Family Counseling from Florida State University. He taught at California State University, Chico, for five years before leaving to start his own accounting and tax preparation business, which he had for over thirty years.

Joseph loved his Lord and Savior and served many callings and positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; one of his favorite callings was his work with the Boy Scouts. He loved camping and hiking with them. After he retired, he and his wife served a mission in Hiroshima, Japan. He also offered his service as an Ordinance worker at the Jordan River Temple for nine years and served the church service mission at the Family History Library for five years. It can not be said enough how much he loved the scriptures and studied their words deeply every day; Joseph was loved and respected by all who knew him, especially his five children, eighteen grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Joseph loved sports of all kinds, whether he was playing or watching; especially BYU sports! He often played basketball with much younger men until he was into his 70s. He was an avid fisherman and hunter, often bringing home dinner for his family. He loved Western movies and Louis L'Amour books.

Joseph will be remembered for his love of joking around and laughing with those he cared about; he could always find humor in daily life. He is well-respected by all who knew him for his dedication to his beliefs and his family, incredible work ethic, and his constant willingness to lend a helping hand when others were in need. We will miss him dearly.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Copperview 4th Ward, 12232 South 3200 West, Riverton, Utah. Visitations will be held at the Ward prior to services Saturday, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

and Friday, March 9, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Larkin Mortuary in Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South, Riverton, Utah. Interment at Utah Veterans Memorial Park In Bluffdale, Utah.