James R. Banta

May 12, 1952 ~ August 9, 2018

Our loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather was called home to the arms of the Lord on August 9th, 2018 after battling a long-term illness. "Jim" was born May 12, 1952 in Salt Lake City, UT to Robert L. and Margaret F. Banta. He lived his life in Salt Lake having only moved to Grand Forks, ND while serving in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was retired from the State of Utah and had spent the last several years enjoying his family, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is survived by his wife Valerie, son Chris (Pauline) and daughter Kim (Chandler). Known by his family and friends as a loving, selfless man, he always supported his family and got tremendous joy being "Pawpaw." During his life there was only one thing he loved more than his family and that was his Lord. Although our hearts are heavy, we take solace knowing he is now at peace as "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.