Douglas Lloyd Nelson

November 3, 1942 ~ July 5, 2017

Douglas Lloyd Nelson, born on November 3, 1942 in Salt Lake City, Utah passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Doug was the second child and first son of Lloyd C. and Phyllis K. Nelson. Doug grew up and spent his life in Salt Lake City, never moving far from his birthplace. He attended and graduated from Highland high school.

It was during high school that he met and courted his first wife Becky Lupher, whom he married in 1961. They were the parents of son Randy Nelson, who preceded Doug in death passing away in 1995 after a long fight with non-Hodgkins lymphoma at the age of 26. Following his divorce from Becky, he married Judy Wall who was to become the love of his life for 38 years. Doug had a love affair with cars and was particularly proud of the 1947 Ford Coupe that he restored and always regretted selling. His home was well known to the neighborhood children because of the dead tree in the front yard adorned with plastic skulls.

During his high school years Doug began what was to be his life's work in different aspects of the grocery business. He began as a teenager by stocking shelves and then working as a checkout clerk at a neighborhood grocery. He joined Dan's Foods where he remained for 36 years. Beginning as a checker, he was soon given responsibility for the produce section which led to his being promoted to supervisor for produce and merchandising in seven stores. Doug was at the wholesale market at 4:00 am each morning selecting only the finest produce for his stores. He was justifiably proud of his reputation for his expertise. No doubt because of his interest in his work, he became an avid gardener who produced an amazing variety and quantity of vegetables from his small garden alongside his home on South 11th East. Particularly appreciative of Doug's efforts were his neighbors with whom he generously shared his harvests. His specialties were delicious "to die for" tomatoes and sweet basil which was sold as "Doug's Basil" in the produce section of the nearby Harmon's supermarket after his retirement.

Doug served in the US Army Reserve for 8 years and was honorably discharged after attaining the rank of Sergeant. Doug also served the neighborhood and neighbors working with the Millcreek Irrigation Company for 40 years. He was known as the "Ditch Master", often filling in when others were unable to serve.

Doug is survived by his wife of 38 years, Judy; his older sister Claudia McNulty Jensen (husband Joseph C. Jensen of New York City); younger brother Roger Nelson of Salt Lake City; his stepdaughter Traci Bateman (husband Daryl); stepson David Wall (wife Patti) and their children Traci, Micah and Mija; and nieces Jennifer A. Vallone and Melissa C. Holden.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the LDS Forest View Ward Chapel located at 1111 E. Charlton Avenue in Salt Lake City. A viewing will be held from 10:00 , 11:30 a.m. prior to the services.

Interment will be at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.