Douglas N. Thompson

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Douglas N. Thompson passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at his home in Salt Lake City at the age of 99. He was born in Ephraim, Utah, but lived most of his life in Salt Lake. He graduated from the University of Utah and did graduate work at Columbia University. He served a mission for the LDS Church beginning in Germany and finishing in Missouri after the outbreak of World War II. He also served three years in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant (junior grade). Half of that time was on a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. He married Catherine Hatch in the Salt Lake Temple in December 1951.

His work experience consisted of three related activities. He taught economics at the University of Utah for 10 years, worked in the investment community as a successful, private investment manager, remaining active well into his nineties, and founded Crossroads Research Institute, a nonprofit economics research organization.

For decades Doug was fascinated with the idea of forecasting, both from a professional and personal curiosity point of view, and he spent an enormous amount of time studying these problems. Because of his love of research and optimism of his findings, the few decades of his old age were pleasant and often exciting. He hoped and believed that his progeny would live in a much better world than the century he had lived through with its great wars and great depression.

He is survived by his three children Cathy Kaonohi (Godfrey), Mary Lynne, and Robert (Becky), seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and two sisters, Katheryn Barker and Barbara Henrie. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, three brothers and two sisters.

At Doug's request, there will not be a viewing nor a funeral.