George Lewis Westbrook

April 14, 1930 ~ September 7, 2019

George Lewis Westbrook passed away peacefully on September 7, 2019. He was born April 14, 1930, in Salt Lake City, Utah and raised in Draper, Utah. Son of John Lewis Westbrook of Union, Utah and Agnes Elizabeth Nichols of Draper, Utah. George is the youngest of four children: Myrna Nichols Westbrook, August 6, 1919 - September 28, 1983. Norma Westbrook, July 7, 1920 - 1920. Mary Lou Westbrook, June 18, 1923 - 2010.

George graduated from Jordan High School, and later enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952. In the Air Force he studied and graduated in primary electronics and remote control Turret systems and Aerial Gunner School. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1956.

George met Beverly Burt Tuckey of Salt Lake City, Utah. On February 23, 1952, they were married in Salt Lake City, Utah. They had four children: George Lewis Westbrook Jr. (Vicki Westbrook), Michael Dennis Westbrook (Holly Westbrook), Suzanne Westbrook (Daniel Reisdorfer) and DeAnne Westbrook (Robert Barron).

Beverly died May 13, 1968, in Sandy, Utah. George, being alone with four children, and with the help of Beverly's father and mother, George and Jean Tuckey, raised his children until he met Alice Joyce Vunder Johnson, originally from Tooele, Utah. They were married on March 7, 1969, in the basement of the Draper Bank and Trust building.

Joyce, a widow with children from a previous marriage: Kathleen K Johnson (Dennis Barker), Gloria Gaye Johnson (Mike Schneider), Karen Janine Johnson (Ed Newman) and David Merrill Johnson (Diana). George and Joyce combined families to share and love 8 children, 18 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

After his service in the Air Force, George formed his own businesses, the first being AirWay Heating. As the owner and operator of Westbrook Construction Company, George obtained his general contracting license and built three of the family homes during this time. He also worked for Salt Lake County Fire Department, where he later became a captain in 1985. George retired from the Salt Lake County Fire Department after 22 years of service. He was one of the original founders of Draper Bank and Trust, served on the board of directors for 32 years, and was chairman of the board during the last four years of the Banks operation. On August 28, 1993, George was recognized and honored by the Jordan High School class of 1948, for 45 years of outstanding accomplishments and also awarded the Certificate of Human Endeavor.

George and Joyce were active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and were sealed in the Jordan River Temple in 1998.

George flew his Cessna airplane often. He had his hobby of building many remote controlled airplanes and flying them in Sun City West, Arizona. It was a daily routine for him to return to his hobby room down stairs (which he

called the Dungeon).

Joyce passed away February 9, 2012, in Sun City West, Arizona. Embracing his children and their families, George continued on with his life. George courageously encountered many health problems such as cancer, and was supported by his family. He formed strong and special bonds with each family member. The love, respect, and true values were taught and lived by Grandpa Westbrook. He will be a great loss to our family and all his friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at the LDS Ward Building, 12353 South 600 East in Draper, Utah. A viewing will be held Friday, September 12, 2019, at Larkin Sunset Gardens Mortuary, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road in Sandy from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, as well as Saturday Morning at the church prior to services beginning at 9:30 AM. Interment followed at Larkin Sunset Gardens.