David R. Callister

January 29, 1937 ~ October 31, 2015

David R Callister passed away October 31, 2015, the result of heart complications. He was surrounded by his wife Susan, and many of his children. David was born January 29, 1937, in Hollywood, California, the son of Reed Eddington Callister and Effie Norinne Richards Callister. From 1957-1959 he served a mission in the British Isles for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He graduated from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and from USC Medical School in Los Angeles, California. He was an Ophthalmologist for 35 years with his own medical practice in Glendale, CA. He was a wonderful father to his eight children; David (Tiffany), Kathleen Pearson (Ron), Daneise Nelson (Brad), Kevin (Amy), Karalynne Call (Jeff), Daniel, Derrick (Karen), and Kaylynn (Brook Burley). He loved being a father and the grandfather of 21. He was always happy to visit with grandchildren and they looked forward to grandpa asking them "dollar questions."

Dave's life was one of service and kindness to all he met. He enjoyed his many callings in the church, which included serving as a beloved Bishop twice, as a member of the Stake Presidency, and as a Gospel Doctrine teacher for many years. One of his great joys was sharing the gospel. He and Susan served two full-time missions together: From 2006-2007 in Toronto, Canada, where his brother, Tad, was the Mission President and from 2011-2013, in Birmingham, Alabama, where his long time friend, Richard Holzapfel, presided. In both missions they were assigned to help missionaries become master teachers. They loved this opportunity and the missionaries they taught. From 2014 until his illness, Dave and Susan were privileged to serve in the Draper, Utah Temple. Dave was active in Boy Scouts of America for many years. As a youth, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, as did his four sons. For his years of dedicated service on the Boy Scout Council, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award, the Silver Beaver. Dave has always loved baseball. He coached for 25 years and coached all four of his sons' baseball teams. He served as Commissioner of the Crescenta Sports Association. He also was a life-long fan of BYU and USC football.

David is survived by his wife, Susan; his eight children and their mother, Evelyn; his three brothers; Dick, Douglas, and Tad; and his sister, Susan. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Paula.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 AM at the Canyon View Stake Center, 9119 S 1300 E in Sandy, Utah. A gathering will be on Friday, November 6th from 6PM to 8PM at the same location. Following the funeral, interment will be at Larkin Cemetery, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Road (10600 S) just south of the Stake Center.

Please join family and friends for a celebration of David's noble and wonderful life.

Condolences may be made atwww.LarkinMortuary.com