Curtis Hiram McCullough Jr.

October 7, 1929 ~ October 16, 2019

Our eternally optimistic father, grandfather, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully October 16th, 2019 just nine days after celebrating his 90th birthday. He celebrated his birthday surrounded by his loved ones, as well as receiving over 90 birthday cards and messages throughout the week; he read and heard each and every kind word and message and was filled with such overwhelming joy.

Curtis McCullough, affectionately known as ‚ÄòGrandpa', was born October 7th, 1929 "on the kitchen table," at 520 Browning Avenue. He spent his youth playing at Liberty Park, raising pigeons, and hunting and fishing with his father and siblings. He had a strong love for the outdoors and instilled that same love of hunting, camping, and fishing into his children and grandchildren. He was a South High Cub, who met and married his high school sweetheart, ‚ÄòBillie' Vivian Rebecca Arrington, on September 10th, 1948-- Solemnized January 22nd, 1954 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Shortly after they were married, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served two years in the Korean War. He and his wife welcomed their first-born child, Mikel George McCullough, in 1955. Five years later, they adopted their second child, Randy Clint McCullough, and finalized their eternal family in 1966 when they adopted their only daughter Melissa McCullough (Sedillo).

At the age of 18, he was baptized and confirmed a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Throughout his life he held many callings and loved to share his strong testimony of the gospel. The majority of his life he worked as a Salesman for a few different companies before he opened his own business, Concept Sales and Design. He created and designed beautiful furniture and sold supplies for hotels and motels across the country; through this business, he developed many wonderful friendships. He also served as a ski instructor at Alta Ski Resort for many years, and he thoroughly enjoyed skiing with his children and family. Grandpa was an avid fisherman who tied his own flies and taught almost each and every one of his children and grandchildren how to perfect the mastery of fly-fishing. His most favorite place to be was camping with his children and grandkids at U.M. Creek near the Fish Lake, Utah area. As an avid outdoorsman, he knew that area like the back of his hand. Even until his last hours, he was adamant that his son and grandsons went on the annual deer hunt this year, telling his grandson to, "Go get that buck." He was a left-handed golfer who enjoyed many rounds of golf throughout his life with friends and family alike. He was able to play his last two rounds of golf this past summer with his oldest son.

His sweet wife, ‚ÄòBillie', passed away 29 years ago at the age of 60, leaving him widowed at the age of 61. He never desired to date or re-marry; he longed for the day that he was able to be with his sweetheart again. We can only imagine the sweet joyous reunion that took place at 4:55a.m. on October 16th, 2019. He will be missed more than words can say, but we are comforted in knowing that he is ‚Äòhome' with his Father in heaven, wife, parents, siblings, and loved ones and friends. He left his family and loved ones with many cherished memories, and a

legacy of optimism and positivity that he has instilled into each and every one of his children and grandchildren. We know he is, "ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC!"

He is survived by his children, Mike (Gina), Randy, Missy (Charlie), grandchildren Lindsey (Joe), Meagan, Chase, Kcy, Chelsea (Lehi), Keshia (Nick), Cameron, Tiffini (Derek), Ashley (Keith), Taylor (Bri), Tori (Jordan), Kale (Kelma), Niki (Tevita), Lani, as well as 25 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He is proceeded in death by his wife ‚ÄòBillie', two grandsons Josh and Matt, and a great-granddaughter Cadence.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 26th, 2019 at 12:00p.m., with a viewing from 10:00a.m. to 11:45a.m. in the Cottonwood Heights 4th Ward Chapel, 2522 East 6710 South Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121. The interment will be held immediately following the funeral service at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East 10600 South Sandy, UT 84092.