Hubert Park Dillon

June 15, 1916 ~ July 8, 2016

Hubert ("Hugh") Park Dillon passed away peacefully on July 8, 2016 after a full 100 years of life's adventures. Hugh was a devoted father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was born to Park Eugene Dillon and Lenora Goodman on June 15, 1916 at home, on a dry ranch east of Pocatello. He was a life-long lover of golf and "thought [he] was in heaven" the first time he saw a grass golf course in 1930 (compared to the dirt and sand courses he had previously played on). He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1934 and started college at University of Idaho Southern Branch. He met his dearly loved wife, Ruth, in Pocatello, where they danced at the dance hall and sipped sodas at the soda fountain where she worked and was married in Preston, Idaho. He grew up during the Great Depression, sleeping at times with a hot brick to keep warm while his family struggled in-and-out of unemployment. He was a hard-working man, working as a milkman, as an auto mechanic, and ultimately as a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad for more than 50 years. During World War II, he worked 16 hours every day transporting the troops and supplies. He and Ruth moved to Salt Lake City in their early years of marriage, where they raised Bonnie and Susan. He retired in 1978 and golfed weekly ever since, a love he had since he was 12 years old. He personally cared for his beloved Ruth for 16 years in her struggle with Alzheimer's. He celebrated his 100th birthday in San Diego with his family in June, surrounded by all of his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends. Survived by loving daughters Bonnie Carpenter and Susan Brown; grandchildren Judi Carpenter, Stephen Carpenter, Antony Chaunga, Jeffrey Brown, Heidi Pazura, and Michelle Reed; and 12 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by: his parents, wife Ruth Babcock Dillon, siblings Walter, Sally, Paul, Mary, and Francis. Special thanks to Ofa Maile for the kind care in his last year. Interment was at Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery and was followed by a family graveside service.