

Bartholomeus Herbert

June 22, 1934 ~ October 1, 2021

Bartholomeus Herbert passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, in his daughter Martha's home in Rio Rancho, New Mexico on October 1, 2021. He was preceded in death last year by his loving wife Anne Morgan Herbert just days before their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Bert was born on June 22, 1934, the youngest of two children to Dirk Herbert and Janna VanBeekum Herbert in Salt Lake City, Utah. His parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Holland and then immigrated to the United States before they had children. He graduated from Salt Lake City's West High School in 1952 with honors and earned a four-year engineering scholarship. This was quite an accomplishment for a young man who only spoke Dutch as he entered elementary school.

Bert then attended the University of Utah where he again graduated with honors in 1957 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. During this time, he also completed Army ROTC and was commissioned in the Army Reserve after graduation. While studying at the University of Utah he met his future wife in a ballroom dance class. However, after they were dating, they realized that as children they had lived just a few houses away from each other in the Avenues Section of Salt Lake City. He was the infamous Bertie who liked to jump the fence with his friends and disrupt her tea parties with her dolls. Anne would run into the house crying, “Bertie did it, Bertie did it!”

Anne and Bert were married in the Los Angeles Temple (where Anne had moved to be close to her parents) on February 1, 1958. They are the parents of 6 children: Melody Anne Herbert, Derrick Bartholomeus Herbert, Martha Dawn Johnson, Margo Lynn Schlesser, Shaun Langdon Herbert, and Michele Lee Reichard. They have 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren (soon to be 15).

As they lived in Illinois, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, Bert and Anne served others to their utmost and left behind treasured friends and memories.

While living in Pennsylvania, with Anne at his side, Bert served as Branch President and then as Bishop of the Scranton Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Bert was called as Branch President in Scranton as they moved into the area. Because no one knew their new Branch President, Bert and Anne visited every member to extend their love and invite them to come and worship the Savior with them in church. The congregation swelled and in a few years the Branch became a Ward and Bert became a Bishop. There are many individuals from this time that remember Bert and Anne’s love for them, and the service rendered during the years they lived there.

A capstone of their life together was their 2-year full-time mission for their Church. They sold their home and most of their earthly possessions, stored the rest in their children’s basements, and drove to Española, New Mexico in 2004 and 2005 where they worked among the 6 northern Rio Grande Pueblos.

After their mission they returned to Pennsylvania for several years and when they were no longer able to live on their own, they moved to Utah to live with their son Shaun and his wife Cathy where they enjoyed themselves for 7 years. Bert continued to be a loving husband, providing all the care for his wife after three failed knee surgeries during this time. Bert also continued his dedicated service to the Lord by being a gospel teacher during Sunday meetings.

As time continued Bert and Anne's physical condition worsened and it necessitated one more move to New Mexico to live with their daughter Martha who is a registered nurse and was able to look after them in their waning days with the help of her family. After being bed ridden for 10 months Bert's body was worn. Just a few days before he passed, he said it was time to say goodbye to his children and grandchildren, so Martha arranged FaceTime calls for him. He told his son Derrick, "My work is done, and it wouldn't be long now. I feel joy, I'm happy and I'm at peace. I have no pain and I'm comfortable." Two days later he slipped away with Martha and Ron at his side. Bert remained cheerful and never lost his sense of humor to the very end.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 11:00 AM with a viewing at from 10:00 to 10:45 AM at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Chapel, 1950 East Dimple Dell Rd. (10600 S.), Sandy, Utah.