

Bernard Howard Starkey

April 26, 1934 ~ October 1, 2024

Bernard Howard Starkey passed away at home, surrounded by family, on October 1, 2024. He was born on April 26, 1934, in Hinsdale, NH, to Myrtle and William Starkey and was one of six children.

After his parents passed away when he was a very young boy, he lived with several families while growing up but retained fond memories of his childhood. After graduating high school, he joined the Air Force, where he served for four years. Shortly after, he met the love of his life, Idella Taylor. They were married in 1956 in Pontiac, MI, and sealed in the LDS temple shortly thereafter. They were married for 59 years until her death in 2016. Together, they had eight children: Stephanie (Dale) Smith, Matthew (Penny) Starkey, Rebecca Starkey (stillborn), Jeffrey Starkey, Jennifer (Scott) Johansson, Benjamin (Kirstin) Starkey, Rachel (Reed) Wright, and Laura (Rick) Baker. They also had 19 grandchildren: Jessica (Jon) Benkovsky, Ian (Tenniel) Smith, Justin Starkey, Franz (Mary) Johansson, Ashley Starkey, Hailey Meacham, Katie Starkey, Harrison (Sydney) Smith, Joshua (Emily) Wright, Jacob Wright, Hannah (David) Hobb, Michaela Starkey, Austin Baker, Adam Baker, McKenzie (Ben) Hetes, Alex (Samantha) Baker, Joslyn (Cash) Larson, Danielle Starkey, and Brandon Starkey, along with 21 great-grandchildren.

Bernie and Idella raised their children in Michigan, where he worked for Henry Ford Health System as the director of food services for 20 years. After retiring from Henry Ford, he worked as a consultant for the Hysen Group in New York and parts of the East Coast for 10 years. He had fond memories of this time. They later served a mission in Hawaii for the LDS Church before moving to Utah, where they lived ever since.

A couple of years after Idella's passing, Bernie married Carlene Curtis. They were married for several years until her passing in 2022.

Services will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830 East 6400 South, Murray, UT 84121. Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM, followed by the service at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1342 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84102.