Lou Moyle Petersen

October 14, 1928 ~ May 30, 2018

Lou Moyle Petersen passed peacefully from this life on May 30, 2018 to reunite with his eternal companion, Shirley Grace Coombs Petersen.

Lou's family and friends remember him as a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend who enjoyed making people laugh with his joyful sense of humor.

Lou was born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada in 1928 to Marjorie Peterson and Moyle Burdette Petersen.

He attended elementary school and high school in Canada and came to Salt Lake City to attend the University of Utah where hemet his sweetheart, Shirley, at a party given to welcome the new Canadian students. Married for eternity in 1949 in the Salt Lake Temple,theynever stopped holding hands, using Morse code to say, "I love you!"

When the two were newlyweds they made many lifelong friends in Lamba Delta Sigma, their LDS group from the University of Utah.

As an electrical engineer with a brilliant mind, Lou worked for Boeing in Seattle helping to design the autopilot for the Boeing 707. He came back to Salt Lake City where he worked for Sperry. They transferred him to Phoenix, Arizona, where the family lived until 1975.

Lou, Shirley, and family moved back to the Salt Lake Area where they settled in Sandy, Utah. Lou worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Physical Facilities Department where he examined and repaired ward buildings all over the country and in Canada, and set up the electrical systems for the Church History Pageants. As Lou and Shirley traveled for this job, he would often stop to help people along the way, always showing compassion for others.

They enjoyed their time caring for Shirley's brother Scott. The symphony, the University of Utah Basketball games and gymnastics, and the theater were just a few of the places they loved to spend time together.

Lou served in many callings in the LDS church. Among these callings were scout leader, ward missionary, and ward clerk. He loved serving with Shirley in the Salt Lake Temple and the Locator Mission for 20 years.

Lou is survived by his brother, Ron (Marguerite) Petersen, Daughters Patti (Terry) Taylor, Anne Bright, Catherine (Craig) Douglass, Joan Petersen, and son Michael (Connie) Petersen, 20 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Grace Coombs, and his parents Marjorie and Moyle Petersen, Step father, Clifford Todd and granddaughter Becky Fife.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, June 4th at the West Jordan Oquirrh 6th Ward Chapel6673 South Clernates Drive (5330 West) West Jordan, Utah. A Viewing will be held on Sunday evening from 6 , 8 pm at

Larkin Sunset Lawn 2350 East 1300 South in Salt Lake and before the service on Monday from 9:45 , 10:45 am.