

Clarence Carl Udarbe

April 6, 1929 ~ May 23, 2023

Clarence Carl Udarbe returned to his eternal home on May 23, 2023. He worked hard all his life and had given his all. He was born on April 6, 1929 to immigrant parents, Mariano Pilar Udarbe (from the Philippines) and Alice Amanda Schlaffke (from Germany). This was about 6 months before the great depression began.

His mother, especially, was thrilled when he was called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to her homeland of Germany. He left in 1950. The devastation of World War II was still evident. He returned home 1953, only to be immediately drafted into the Army during the Korean War. While all the new recruits were being sent to Korea, he was sent to Germany because of his language skills.

When the war ended less than two years later, he returned home. He graduated from the University of Utah with a BS degree in Business Administration and a minor in accounting. Soon he started working for the Deseret News Press, which later became The Church Printing Center, as an accountant. After 34 years of service, he retired in 1994. While still working for Deseret New Press, a friend encouraged him to prepare tax returns as a side job. His hard working nature was evident as he worked days at his full-time position and spent evenings and Saturdays doing taxes. This tax work continued for 49 years, well past retirement from his job with Church printing. It didn't end until 2017 when, at the age 88, his health no longer allowed him to continue.

The 4 short months between his mission and military service were eventful. He met his honey, Virginia Schiess, in the South 20th Ward. They were engaged by the time he left for the Army. Two months after his return, they were married in the Logan Temple on July 21, 1955. Their desire for a family was granted when their daughter, Anita, and son, Rob, were born. But they felt that they weren't done. After 10 years of waiting, their daughter Jennifer completed their family. They bought a house on the Avenues, not far from where he was born. He loved it there, close to town with a view of the whole valley. Other than his time in Germany, he spent virtually the rest of his long life living on the Avenues.

Clarence was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many callings, including serving in the M.I.A., elders quorum president, counselor in the high priests group leadership, counselor in the bishopric, ward clerk, and stake clerk (with 4 different stake presidents). One of the most special was as a counselor in the Primary Children's Hospital Branch presidency. He was also an accounting volunteer at the Salt Lake Temple, joking that he was a money changer in the temple.

He enjoyed any occasion when his family could be together, including vacations to Bear Lake, east and west coast, England, Israel, Yellowstone and our traditional family reunions at Lake Tahoe. He loved to garden and blessed family and friends with his tomatoes, peaches, and other produce. Pumpkins for the children to carve at Halloween were a favorite. Golfing was his favorite recreational activity and he even had a hole in one. His license plate holder

read, "I'd rather be driving a Titleist". He enjoyed following the stock market. Jim Cramer's "Mad Money" was his favorite TV show and he recorded it when he couldn't watch. His favorite outings were to Costco and Golden Corral.

Virginia, his devoted, eternal companion, has always been at his side. She has especially supported him this past month when he has been in the hospital and rehab. She went to be with him in each morning and stayed until he was tucked in for bed. She was at his side, in his home, telling him she loved him, holding his hand and kissed him as he peacefully slipped into the next life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia, and their 3 wonderful children Anita (Dave) Torgersen, Rob, and Jennifer (Trevor) Holladay, their 7 awesome grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren: Chris (Mitzi) Torgersen with children Hayes, Smith, Park, and Coe; Nikki Torgersen, Aschlie Hurd, Andrew Torgersen with daughter Ella, Amy Holladay (Kiarash Ghasemzadeh), Ashley Holladay (Cameron Yancey), James, and Max Holladay. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Joseph and Waldo.

Funeral services will be held on Thurs., June 1st at noon at the Ensign Stake Center, 135 A St. A viewing will held prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to your favorite charity or to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Humanitarian Services. (https://philanthropies.churchofjesuschrist.org/humanitarian-services)