

Corey Denton Rees

February 3, 1942 ~ February 16, 2025

Corey Denton Rees passed away at his home in Ogden, Utah, two weeks after his 83rd birthday and after many years struggling so valiantly with multiple health issues.

Corey was born on February 3rd, 1942, the youngest child of Theodore Gomer and Pearl McAllister Rees. His strong bond with his father nurtured a lifelong love of baseball, which started by attending games together and playing on teams as a child, while his father umpired them. He carried this love of the game forward by coaching his sons and many neighborhood children.

He was extremely proud of his Scottish heritage and was honored to serve a mission to Scotland and Wales for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Corey was a staunch member of the Church and considered his testimony of his Savior as his most prized possession. He never hesitated to serve in any capacity asked of him and did so with enthusiasm and full determination.

After returning home from his mission, Corey recognized his eternal love for Karen Madsen, the sister of his best friend, and they were married in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on July 6th, 1965. In almost 60 years together, Corey and Karen raised their six children to work hard, love each other, and love the Lord. They loved their children dearly, and their joy multiplied with the birth of each of their eleven grandchildren, filling them with immeasurable pride. Corey thrived on the stories and hugs his grandchildren brought with each visit. He promised to always watch over them, no matter where he might be.

A patriot at heart, Corey served in the Air National Guard of Utah and the Reserve of the United States Air Force for several years during the early part of his marriage and often expressed regret for not serving longer.

Corey is survived by his wife, Karen; his six children, Scott (Yuko), Trent (Jenniffer), Wendi, Ryan (Taylor), Cheryl (Jason), Steven (Karen), and the most amazing 11 grandchildren.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Intermountain Hospice team that provided such extraordinary care for Dad and support to the family in his last week. Thanks to their help, Dad's final week was peaceful, dignified, and filled with love.

Services for Corey will be held on Friday, February 28th, with a viewing from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary, located at 260 E South Temple St., Salt Lake City. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 11 am at Larkin Mortuary, with a viewing to be held 45 minutes prior to the service. Interment to follow at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Those wishing to view the service via Zoom can click "Watch Service" or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82025323910