

D. Keith Baird

June 19, 1934 ~ September 1, 2020

Surrounded by loved ones, Keith Baird of Pleasant Grove, Utah passed away on September 1st. Keith was born June 19th, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and grew up in Holladay. His parents were J. Reese Baird and Ruby A. Huish, and siblings Hugh, LaRee, Rey, Jim, Bob, and Charles.

Keith describes His birth and childhood with this poem: “And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.”

He loved music, scouting, gardening, hiking, reading, camping, and working in the temple. After graduating from Granite High School and seminary, Keith attended the University of Utah on scholarship, majoring in Electrical Engineering. Keith also attended institute and served a mission in California for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Shortly before graduation, Keith met and married Colette Jacques Booth in the Salt Lake City Temple on September 8, 1958. Later, Keith and Colette served together as missionaries in the Kansas City, Missouri mission.

Keith was famous in his family for reading stories, singing, playing the guitar, planning exciting camping trips, sharing his incredible garden, making delicious waffles and homemade ice cream, and for his tender, unshakeable faith. His children appreciated his patience in teaching us things we didn’t understand, and they think he is the best dad in the world! He stayed active and cheerful despite many health challenges.

He is preceded in death by his son, Steven Baird. Keith is survived by his wife, Colette B. Baird, children: Suzanne (David) Clayson, Michele (Michael) Perdue, Thomas (Deanna) Baird, Catherine (Nathan) Pomeroy, 14 grandchildren: Jeanette, Matthew, Anne-Marie, Rachelle, Monique, Tim, Tyler, Tana, Brittany, Amanda, Joanna, David, Alex, Geoffrey, and 7 great-grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the missionary fund of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They would also like to thank the wonderful hospice nurses!

A family funeral will take place September 5th.