

Donald Carman Heath

May 10, 1932 ~ June 1, 2024

Don, beloved husband, father, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully as result incident to age, in the early morning hours on Saturday, June 1, 2024.

Don was born, May 10, 1932, in Salt Lake City, to Dale Gaylord and LaVerne Carman Heath. Don grew up on West-side of Salt Lake with his grandparents, mother, and brother John, later graduating from West High School in 1949.

Don served in the US Army for two years during the Korean War working in Army Signal Corps (USASC) being honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1952. He then attended the University of Utah.

Before marriage, Don worked at Western Electric and then met his lifelong love and companion Frances Joan Bacca. They were married, on March 29, 1957, and were blessed with four children.

From an early age, Don was working to make extra money, shining shoes, and doing paper delivery. After the military, he worked at Western Electric, and then to Graybar as a traveling sales representative with a territory in northern Utah and Idaho. After having two daughters and tired of traveling being away from family, he wanted to find more suitable employment. He began his career as an insurance agent with Allstate in 1962. Don found his calling in insurance, working in the industry for over 47 years. Fran used to remark that Don “ate, drank and slept insurance”. He loved helping his clients and many considered Don more than an agent – also a dear friend and confidant.

Don and Fran first settled in Salt Lake City, later moving to Bountiful, Utah where they raised their family for over 30 years. During their time in Bountiful, Don attended St. Olaf’s parish, enjoyed singing in the Parrish choir and serving as Parish Council President from 1992-1996. While serving in this capacity, he and Fran organized fundraisers and events including the famed “Entertainment Night”. Later, they moved to Draper and enjoyed being involved in St. John’s Parrish. After Fran’s passing, in April 2004, Don served as the Golden Eagles president where he planned many fun social events for members of the Parrish over age of 55.

Don and Fran enjoyed entertaining and celebrating Christmas. Don always loved getting his home decorated with multiple trees, Department 56 Christmas villages and LGB’s trains. He started planning and decorating in October so the house would be ready for Thanksgiving. Don had a talent for creating and crafting decorations, which as a family were blessed to enjoy.

Don was a devoted husband and father. He was always involved in raising the family, keeping up the yard, grocery shopping, attending PTA meetings, parent teacher conferences, swim meets, fund raisers, dancing/music recitals and school events. He also served as Little League football coach for several years in the early 1970’s. We are grateful for his love and watch care over all of us. We could not have had a better Dad.

Don had the fortune of meeting Louise Radke, a neighbor, and they enjoyed a special friendship. We are grateful to her for her support of Don and our whole family.

Though we will miss Dad, we know he and Mom are reunited again! In time, we will see them both!

Don is survived by his four children, Christy Heath (Rick Pollock), South Jordan; Cate (Dave) Boulden, Herriman; Don F. Heath, Sandy; Aundrea (Jason) Rammelsberg, West Jordan. Also surviving are his brothers, John (Marti) Heath, Mesa, AZ, Stan (Marilyn) Heath, Portland, OR, sister, Trish (Steve) Bersch Reno, NV, and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death, by his wife Fran, parents and brother, Dale Heath.

Our family would like to thank the caregivers and staff of Canyon Home Care & Hospice, the staff at Spring Gardens and to Carmen for their devoted care of Don in his final weeks and days.

We will celebrate Don’s life with a Vigil service on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and viewing will follow from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens mortuary (1950 E. 10600 S., Sandy, UT). A family viewing will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with Funeral Services following at 11:00 a.m. at Larkin Sunset Gardens mortuary. To watch the services live or view recording, please click the "Watch Services" button above.

Entombment at Larkin Sunset Gardens.