

Donald Lloyd Black

May 1, 1930 ~ May 16, 2023

And what a life it was…on the morning of Tuesday, May 16, 2023, the world lost one of the truly great ones. Donald Lloyd Black departed this world having stated just a few days earlier, “I’ve done all I wanted to do, I’m ready to go.” And so it was at the age of 93 our beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend died just as he had lived…his way!

Believe it or not it all began in Antimony, Utah, May 1, 1930. It was here at 5:00 in the morning that Belma Leonard, age 22, and Lloyd Black, age 29, welcomed a tiny baby boy into the world. Donald Lloyd Black was born on the kitchen table of the family's little farmhouse. He was the second of nine children and left for “the big city” of Salt Lake, on his own, at the age of thirteen.

Life presented challenges in Don’s early life. Coming of age in the Great Depression, he found odd jobs and was just beginning to make ends meet when Uncle Sam called. Don was sent to Korea when he was 18 years old. In typical fashion he preferred to talk about the friends he met while in the service and gracefully left the death and destruction he witnessed to himself. It should be known that Don never complained.

March 7, 1954, was a special day for Don, “That’s the day my luck changed,” he would often say, “the day I met your mother.” Don married Theresa Delaney on that day and from that day forward he set out to “find his place” in the world. He went to work for Andersen Jewelry Company on Main Street and 200 South. He also sold investments with Western Industrial Shares, where he became Salesman of the Year for three consecutive years. “I left so the other guys would have a chance,” he later joked.

Don combined his love of jewelry and investments when he started his own business aptly named Fortune, just down the street from where he worked at Andersen Jewelry. He was the mayor of the Expo Mart on 200 South and 200 West. Everyone knew him and everyone loved him, “I traded a lot of dollars with a lot of people over the years,” and he truly enjoyed every moment he spent at The Jewelry Center.

Don and Terri had three children, Lisa born in 1955, Lori born in 1957 and David born in 1964. He took great delight in watching and helping his kids and grandkids experience the childhood he never had and he never missed an opportunity to remind them that life is to be enjoyed. “Live it up! Live it up!” he would sing to those he loved the most.

Don is survived by his daughter Lori Conradsen (Chad) his son David Black (Holly), five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Theresa and his daughter Lisa.

A celebration of life will be held at 9:00 in the morning on June 9 at Larkin Sunset Lawn 2350 East 1300 South. The hard work has been done and now it is time for you to rest, Good Night Sweet Prince.