

Donald Skabelund

May 13, 1939 ~ June 21, 2023

With great sorrow the family of Donald Glissmeyer Skabelund announce his transition on June 21, 2023, in the presence of his daughters: Jodi and Alta.

Don was born on May 13, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Gustav Skabelund and Margaret Rose Glissmeyer. He was 84 years old at his passing and the youngest of four children.

Don married Ellen Louise Malmborg on January 14, 1961, enjoying 61 years together until Ellen passed away in June 2022. Don took great pride in his family and especially loved his grandchildren: Christopher, Jennifer, and Ashley (Jodi) and Cody, Brittany, Shelbie, and TJ (Alta). He also cherished his great-grandchildren: Travis and Hunter (Jennifer); Arianna (Christopher); Amaya (Ashley); Pierce and Preston (Cody); Myka and Jayce (Brittany); and Oliver (TJ).

Don was a generous and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who most enjoyed spending time with his family and sharing stories about his life and family ancestry. He was very proud of his Danish (Gustav) and German (Margaret) heritage and was the keeper of many special family heirlooms and treasures. He was a first-generation Skabelund, as his father obtained American citizenship in 1939. Don took joy in being outdoors, making home improvements to the many properties he and Ellen owned, and most of all enjoyed listening to classical compositions of music. During his life, he became a skilled mechanic, carpenter, painter, welder, lawn and irrigation specialist, and was a talented all-around fix-it man.

He was preceded in death by Ellen, his parents, brother and sister, and granddaughter, Shelbie.