

Douglas William Ovard

October 10, 1934 ~ May 5, 2025

Douglas William Ovard, age 90, passed away peacefully at his home in Sandy, Utah, on May 5th, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 10th, 1934, in Saint Anthony, Idaho, and grew up in Holladay, Utah, where he formed lifelong bonds, including a cherished friendship with Moss Wagstaff and close relationships with his four siblings.

Doug lived a life marked by faith, hard work, and service. He had a long and successful career as a business owner and salesman, and he took particular pride in his work as a banker with Brighton Bank. He was known for his integrity, tireless work ethic, and belief that "honesty is the best policy."

A devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Doug served two missions-one in his youth to the Great Lakes Mission, and later alongside his wife in Saint Croix, Virgin Islands. He was married to the love of his life, Marilyn Ruth Boyce, whom he met at a dance. They were married in the Salt Lake City Temple on November 18th, 1954. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising five children and caring for two beloved foster children. Doug served faithfully in numerous church callings and was always generous with both his time and his means, finding joy in lifting others.

Doug's vibrant personality and love of life were evident to all who knew him. He was passionate about music-especially the organ and piano-and had a lifelong fascination with fast cars. He was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed playing volleyball and basketball in his younger years and later became an avid tennis player. He loved watching golf and rarely missed a Kansas City Chiefs game.

Above all, Doug will be remembered for his big heart, quick wit, and the joy he brought to others. He had a gift for humor, a deep love for his family, and an enduring desire to serve. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, resilience, and unwavering faith.

Doug is survived by his beloved wife, Marilyn; children Jennifer Barber (Robert), Douglas Ovard Jr. (Gina), and Ben Ovard (Francia); foster children Laura Murphy and Ben Chung; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Helen Ovard; daughters Lori Webster and Carolyn Ovard; son-in-law Robert Barber; and brother Richard Ovard.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 12th, at 11:00 AM, with a viewing from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the LDS Church located at 10945 S. 1700 E., Sandy, Utah 84092. A separate evening viewing will take place on Sunday May 11th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the same location. All who knew and loved Doug are invited to attend and celebrate a life so well lived.