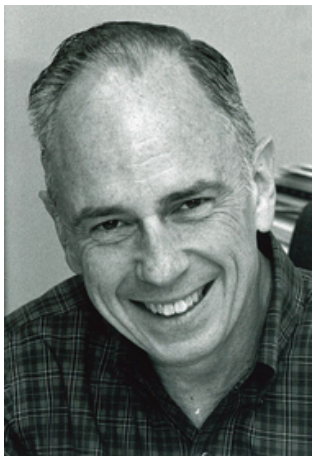


Edward M Eyring

January 7, 1931 ~ February 20, 2021

After a lifetime of devotion to family, church, and science, Edward (Ted) Marcus Eyring died on February 20, 2021. He was born January 7, 1931 in Oakland, California to Henry Eyring and Mildred Bennion Eyring. He grew up in Princeton, New Jersey, where he was the only LDS student at Princeton High School, and where all the church meetings he attended were in the dining room at his home. He served two and a half years in the France Paris Mission.

He married Marilyn Murphy on December 28, 1954 in the Salt Lake Temple. He graduated from the University of Utah where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. He completed a two-and-a-half-year tour of duty with the Air Force. In 1960, he earned a doctorate, spent a year in Germany as a Guggenheim Fellow, and then returned home to join the chemistry faculty at the University of Utah. Over the next 50 years Ted co-authored many scientific papers with his gifted students and faculty collaborators. The most important product of his teaching and research was the training of more than 100 pre- and post-doctoral students, who have each made important contributions to the field of science. One of his favorite professional activities was writing informative letters of recommendation for his former students. One of Ted’s innovations was the introduction of Service-Learning Field Projects into his classes. He received a number of awards for scientific research, but his favorite recognitions were those his students awarded for exceptional teaching.

Ted served in many capacities in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; in both teaching and leadership, including serving as Bishop twice. He loved his family and spent countless hours at athletic games, musical programs, and other family activities. He loved their annual trip to Laguna Beach, cruises, and other trips with his family. He and Marilyn love to travel and often visited foreign countries all over the world. For years he was an avid racquetball player

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, children Steven (Jill) Eyring, Valerie LaHaye, David (Juli) Eyring, his brothers Henry B. Eyring and Harden Eyring, 11 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Sharon, and great granddaughter Addyson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Friends and family may attend via Zoom at the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83390368249?pwd=cmxlc0Mvam85VXhLM0Y4emJ6M3NGUT09

Interment will take place in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers please donate to the Edward M. Eyring scholarship fund at the University of Utah.