

Fernand Jacques Caumet

January 28, 1929 ~ December 12, 2020

Fernand Jacques Caumet, 91, passed away peacefully at his home in Salt Lake City on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Born in Metz, France on January 28, 1929, Fernand received most of his education at a Jesuit Catholic school in Perpignan, France; however, his studies came to an end when he refused to give up his Protestant Bible, a gift from his mother. He left the school and a short time later, enlisted in the military, where he trained as an electronics and radio specialist. It was while serving in North Africa, that Fernand met his wife. Having been an only child, he considered himself blessed to have met and married Anne Antoinette Brignone, the youngest of nine children. The couple was married on July 10, 1951 in Grombalia, Tunisia. His military service often took him away from his wife and family as he fulfilled assignments in Indochina, North Africa, and Germany. In 1963, while living in Angers, France, the Caumet family joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Retiring from the military in 1969 at the rank of Sergeant major, Fernand accepted a position with the Church to teach in French Polynesia at the Mormon Primary School. There were many opportunities for Fernand to serve in the Church in Polynesia. He was a counselor in the Papeete Tahiti Stake and a member of the Bishopric in the French-speaking Tipaerui Ward. Between 1983 and 1990, Fernand served first in the temple presidency and then as president of the Papeete Tahiti Temple. While filling his calling as temple president, he was also area patriarch. This assignment took him to nearly every island in French Polynesia. After completing their time in Tahiti, Fernand and Anne immigrated to the United States and took up residency in Salt Lake City, where Fernand served for twelve years as a sealer in the Salt Lake City Temple. Fernand is survived by his daughter Chantal Caumet (Ireland), son Jacques (Sandra) (Papeete, Tahiti), grandchildren (Antoinette, Virginie, Jean-Christophe, Ludovic, and Stephanie); two great-granddaughters, one great grandson, and one great-great grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife Anne and their daughter Monique. Fernand will be remembered by his friends and family as being an avid genealogist, a man of great discernment, and a faithful servant of the Lord. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. Due to restrictions caused by Covid-19, Fernand’s life will be honored in a private family service.