

Frans (Ray) Speters

June 23, 1936 ~ June 12, 2021

“Beloved Husband, Father, Opa & Great Opa.”

Frans (Ray) Speters 84, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 12, 2021, and returned to his Heavenly Father and eternal companion, JoAnne, after suffering from Alzheimer’s.

Frans (Ray) was born on June 23, 1936, in Rotterdam, Netherlands to Hendrik Speters and Francyntje Van Tussenbroek. He immigrated to Nephi, Utah when he was 16 years of age, not knowing any English. He was able to return to his native country and serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He played soccer for many years and loved watching the game all his life.

He married JoAnne Van Katwyk on September 3, 1959, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. They had 3 children, Lynn, David, and Arlene. He and his family were active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Frans (Ray) and JoAnne served an LDS mission together to the Belgium, Antwerp Mission in 1991 to 1992. They were part of an LDS Dutch fireside group that originated from the Netherlands.

After losing his wife of 52 years, who passed away in December of 2011, he was called to an LDS service mission at Temple Square. There he met and married Bonnie Dawson on November 29, 2013. The marriage added 11 children, 43 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren to the family.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie. His three children, Lynn Ray (Connie) Speters, David Rulon (Cindy) Speters, and Arlene (Rob) Harris, 1 brother, 12 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnne, father and mother, 5 brothers, and 1 sister.

Special thanks to the loving care provided by Aspen Ridge Hospice and the Private Aid Care.

Viewings will be held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, June 18, 2021, and on Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 10:00 am to 10:45am at the Brighton 5th Ward church.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Brighton 5th Ward located on 2301 E. Bengal Blvd. (7800 So.), at 11:00 am. The graveside services will then be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery, located at 1950 East Dimple Dell Rd. (10600 S.) in Sandy Utah. To view previously held services please visit https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4ZIOmZ0wYgUCOmnMrWfWpaaZ7oOfDoOh-UCKWx6QedWsBWSOz-xhIiisfIG9gXtH