

Fred Burton Cassity

July 11, 1929 ~ December 14, 2025

Fred Burton Cassity died of natural causes on December 14, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born on July 11,1929 to Alta Vera Burton Cassity and Leland Julian Cassity. He was raised in Salt Lake City in a loving home, alongside his two sisters, Helen Cassity Higgins and Mary Jane Cassity Anderson. When Burt was only eleven years old, his father passed away, a loss that profoundly shaped his life. Burt lived each day honoring the memory of the father he deeply loved and missed.

In 1951, Burt married Joanne Claire Barber. Together they built a beautiful family and were blessed with five children, 20 grandchildren, and 37 great grandchildren (and one on the way), all of whom were the absolute light of his life. Burt spent his life building relationships with everyone around him. Each child, grandchild and great grandchild knew that he loved them deeply and that he was very proud of them. He was the ultimate family man.

Burt was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and remained steadfast in his faith throughout his life. He exemplified gospel principles through his love and service to others, standing firm in his beliefs and freely sharing his faith.

He honorably served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He and Joanne spent time in Brooklyn, New York, Alameda California and Astoria Oregon. His years in the Navy provided the foundation for him to become a loyal American.

Following his service, Burt graduated from the University of Utah in 1952. He was a proud member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, where he served as president and enthusiastically sang fraternity songs to anyone who would listen. He loved everything about being a “Utah Man” and remained a loyal Ute throughout his life.

Burt spent his professional career working for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, where he worked in Salt Lake City, Utah, Fargo, North Dakota and Oakland, California.

After the passing of his beloved wife Joanne in 1996, Burt found companionship again and married Sally Rich Burbidge in 2001. They shared six happy years together, before Sally’s passing in 2007. Burt lovingly embraced Sally’s children and grandchildren as his own, cherishing them as part of his extended family.

Burt loved to play racquetball, tennis and enjoyed running. He ran many marathons, including the Boston Marathon, the New York Marathon and several others within Utah. Burt was also a big sports fan throughout his life. He shared his love for sports with his children and grandchildren. Together they attended many sporting events, cheering on favorite teams such as the Boston Red Sox and the Oakland A’s. He also loved his four-legged furry companions. He always had a dog throughout his life. When he lost his sight in his later years, Burt was blessed to have a guide dog, Raymond, who guided him and offered him constant companionship.

Burt Cassity will be remembered for his positivity and resilience, as well as for his unwavering faith, deep devotion to family, honorable service, and unending love. His legacy of love, faith, courage and integrity will live on in all who knew him.

Burt is survived by his five children: Mary Padua (Bobby – deceased), Claire Cassity (Tom Mulcock), Lee Cassity (Tammy), Carolann Holmes (Stephen), Jane Winters (Tim). He is also survived by his extended family: Clark Burbidge, Jill Wiscomb and Karin Cook, along with his many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 2615 Stringham Ave. in Salt Lake City on Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 2:00 pm. For family and friends who would like to pay their final respects to the family, a gathering/viewing will be held prior to the service from 12:30 to 1:45 pm.

Those wishing to view the completed service via Zoom can click the "Watch Service" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JAoyXsPHl1WTu7yHUXyoBMAWC0_k4eJk-DAvpMZQ0sfZsLSRNho5oxWsRsa6g9oF