Gary Merlin Tippets

May 8, 1933 ~ March 22, 2023

Gary Merlin Tippets peacefully passed away the morning of March 22, 2023 at his daughter's home in Riverton, Utah. He was surrounded by his wife of 71 years, Carolyn Jean Tippets, daughter Virginia Lovin and Son-in-law Steven Lovin. Gary was 89.

Gary was born on May 8, 1933 to Eva and Arthur Tippets in Pocatello, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Nadean (6) and his younger brother Ronald Scott Tippets (84).

Gary enjoyed life to the fullest to say the least. He loved motor sports but especially loved cars. His preferred passage to heaven was flying over a dune on his quad and never returning to earth.

A groceryman by profession Gary wrenched on projects constantly throughout his life while raising his five boys and daughter. All of his sons raced motocross with him and also enjoyed trail riding their motorcycles in southern Oregon where they were raised. Rick, Jerry, Steve, Kelly and Chris recall that the biggest competitor in the family was Dad. Gary loved wood working and took pride in projects for neighbors, family and friends.

Gary adored his grandchildren (21) and great-grandchildren (35 with 3 on the way) and they returned that adoration.

His smile was infectious and laugh complete as he never let a good joke go unheard.

His family and friends will always remember Gary as a great man of faith serving in the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a Bishop, Elders Quorum President and Teacher.

Funeral services will be conducted on March 28, 2023 at Larkin Mortuary-Riverton at 3688 West 12600 South Riverton, Utah. A visitation will be held from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. and the service begins at 11:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the previously streamed funeral services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.