

George Hinckley Badger

April 1, 1930 ~ January 12, 2021

George Hinckley Badger, age 90, passed away on January 12, 2021 at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, after a long battle with cancer. George was born April 1, 1930, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Franklin Badger and Afton Hinckley Badger. The oldest of four children, he grew up in Holden, Utah,
where his father was a rancher and farmer. It was there, he learned the value of hard work, responsibility and dependability. Educated in Fillmore, Utah, he graduated from Millard High School in 1948, where he was elected Senior class President. After high school graduation, in September 1948, George enrolled at Brigham Young University. He also attended Utah State Agricultural College. George served an honorable mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from October 1950 to 1952, in the Eastern Canadian Mission where he labored in the Province of Québec.

Upon returning from his mission in October 1952, George enrolled again at Brigham Young University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a minor in History. It was at BYU that he met LaJuana Isakson, the love of his life. They were married on May 7, 1953, in the Salt Lake Temple. In September, 1954, one week following graduation, George was inducted into the U.S. Army, where he served his tour of duty at Fort Ord, California. Following his discharge, George and LaJuana moved to Salt Lake City where he attended the University of Utah Law School. They bought a small home on Ridgedale Lane, where George assisted in constructing the Grant Sixth Ward chapel. In October, 1961, George graduated from the University of Utah Law School with a LLD degree. He worked well into his eighties as a business entrepreneur. In November 1961, to accommodate their growing family, George and LaJuana moved into a new home on the Avenues. There they lived for 56 years and raised their five children. George and LaJuana had many beloved friends and neighbors in their avenues community. George was a master gardener. Memorial Day was always “planting day”. George’s yard was his masterpiece for LaJuana.

George devoted thousands of hours of service to his Church. He was a leader in Sunday School, Boy Scouts, and worked as a Stake Missionary. His favorite assignment was serving in the Salt Lake Temple with LaJuana. He developed life-long friends there, which he cherished until his death.
He loved exercising and you could find him every morning at the Deseret Gym until it closed, and then Steiner Aquatic Center. He valued the many friends he made there. He was passionate about his causes, a hard worker, readily made friends, and a resilient man. George was adventurous. Water skiing at Lake Powell, deer hunting in the fall, BYU football games, and snowmobiling in the mountains were passions he loved sharing with his family. LaJuana was the love of his life. Together they formed a companionship that withstood life’s challenges. He missed her deeply after she
passed in 2012 and longed for the day when they would be reunited. He is preceded in death by his wife LaJuana

Isakson, son Layne Isakson Badger, and grandson, Travis Karl Badger, parents Franklin and Afton Hinckley Badger, sister Rosemary Badger Goodwin, and her husband, Glenn. George is survived by his children: Karl Franklin (Cindie), LeAnn Stamos (Mike), David George (Marcia) and GR (Julie), 12 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren, and, by his siblings, Frank Alonzo Badger and Jesse Badger Marker.

The family would like to thank Encompass Home Health and Hospice for their professionalism and expertise. We would especially like to thank Heidi Lawrence Woker, RN, and Jennifer Miles, CNA for their devoted and loving care to our father.

Due to COVID-19: A viewing for dad's friends will be held Monday, January 18th, from 6-8 pm at Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple, in Salt Lake City. Please wear masks and socially distance. The service will be held, by invitation only, at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. All others are invited to watch via Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88643108427?pwd=WUJ2OTlIWEZmZ21FWFhIQ2U1N3l1QT09 Following the funeral the internment will take place at the Salt Lake City Cemetery.