George John Ross, III

Oct. 17, 1937 ~ Feb. 10, 2021

George John Ross III, 83, passed away February 10, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 17, 1937, in Los Angeles to George John Ross Jr. and Elizabeth Murdoch. He married Diane R. Miller on December 26, 1958, and was later sealed to her for time and eternity in the Salt Lake City Temple. Diane was still his sweet bride until the day he died.

George attended East High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1953. George claimed he was the youngest soldier in Germany at the age of 17. After the completion of his military service, he attended the University of Utah and graduated with a marketing degree in 1961. He has been a “true Ute” ever since. He began his career with Redman Moving and Storage where he advanced to become the president of the company. He furthered his career with Trammell Crow as the vice president of the Western United States division. In 1981, he went to work for Kern Schumacher managing his real estate empire. He spent his final 36 years of employment with Kern and then retired at the age of 79.

George’s style was always an uplifting encounter; leaving one with the feeling that he was a friend. He was an avid golfer, not only for the love of the game, but also for the joy of being with family and friends. He loved taking walks and running marathons, not just for the exercise, but also to experience the beauty of nature. He would always brag to his doctors that he took the stairs and was probably their only patient that did.

He loved the Lord and his family more than anything, and he would always put them first. He was such a great example to everyone with his hard work, kindness, patience, and unconditional love. He never raised his voice and treated everyone with respect. He was known as a true gentleman to his peers and the Cookie Grandpa to the children in Primary.

He is survived by his wife Diane, his four children, Kim (Danny) Parker, Stephanie (Kurt) Thomas, Stacie (Robbie) Smethurst, Brad Ross, Julia Ross, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren and sister Carolyn Hultquist. He patterned his life after his Savior and led a life we all hope to emulate.

Funeral services for the family will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm, under the direction of Larkin Sunset Gardens. Those wishing to view the services which were already held, may do so via Zoom at the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/zQIwI6nCZawauf-JFtZNLXkbeznl-oG8HXHehCWpodMbSQhpxC7ewsHL_Py5EBcu.K

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