

George Ross Bankhead

January 7, 1928 ~ October 8, 2025

Ross was born to David Haslam Bankhead and Phillis Vowels Bankhead at the small family farm his parents owned in Tooele, Utah. Third in large family of seven children, Ross attended Tooele Elementary, Jr High and High Schools where he was active in sports.

Always industrious, Ross got his first job as a newspaper delivery boy at the age of 8 and his second job as a stock boy at the local JC Penny's store at the age of 11.

In 1946, Ross moved to Salt Lake City to attend college, where he met his life partner, Joyce Lee, whom he married February 25, 1950. A member of the Naval Reserve, Ross was called to service during the Korean War, and his first daughter Lyn was born while he was away. Ross later had a second daughter Sharon, and a son Bill.

After working for a short time at the Old American Roofing Mill, Ross went to work for the Paris Department Store, where he worked as a buyer for over 20 years. Ross later worked as a real estate agent until retirement.

Ross is survived by his sister Lois (Hal McConnell), daughter Lyn (Dennis Barker), and son Bill along with 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 3 great- great grandchildren. Ross was preceded in death by his wife Joyce, daughter Sharon and 5 brothers and sisters.

Liked by all, Ross will be missed by many. We thank the staff and residents at Spring Garden's for the help and friendship he received there in his final years.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 12:30 pm at Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1342 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. A viewing will be held prior to the service, Tuesday October 14, 2025 from 11:00 am-12:00pm at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.