

Gordon Barnett O’Very, Sr.

April 2, 1931 ~ February 24, 2021

“Grandpa Gordon”

Our father, grandfather, great grandfather, mentor and friend peacefully passed away at his home surrounded by all six of his children.

Gordon was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Jacob “Ed” and Ennis O’Very on April 2, 1931. He was a child of the depression, an adolescent of the war years and an adult of a post-war America. As such, Gordon would come to embrace the values of frugality, simplicity, independence, self-confidence, endurance, mercy and most importantly, love.

Gordon began his career in sales at the age of 15. He worked both behind the counter and going door-to-door. Although he was issued a call to serve as an LDS Missionary in Switzerland, he decided to instead enter the military draft and became a Marine. After two and a half years of military service, he returned to his life of selling and would spend nearly 50 years in the optical industry.

He married Norma Rae Houskeeper on September 26, 1956. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. Gordon was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and cherished the opportunity of serving others in his neighborhood and community. Although firm in his love for the Savior, it was his kind and gentle service to others that spoke the loudest. His greatest joy came from serving his own family.

He is survived by his children, Catherine (David) Adamson of Sandy, UT, Gordon B. (Dorothy) O’Very, Jr of Vancouver, WA, Brian (Cathy) O’Very of Cottonwood Heights, UT, Bruce (JoLynn) O’Very of Wellsville, UT, Daniel (Jennifer) O’Very of Riverton, UT and Kristen (Bryan) Kossin of South Jordan, UT. He also leaves behind 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and his two siblings. He was truly the “last man standing”.

A private family funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 4th at 11:00am at the Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South) in Sandy, UT. Due to current pandemic limitations regarding the size of gatherings, please join us online for the services by clicking on the blue "Watch Zoom Services" box to the right of Gordon's picture.