

Gordon Duane Bird

June 21, 1933 ~ March 13, 2022

Gordon Duane Bird, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend died peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's/Dementia in the early morning hours of Sunday, March 13, 2022, at the age of 88. The onset of this disease stripped us of our father a few years back. Our hearts go out to any family that is having to watch a loved one go through this battle.

Gordon was born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Ira Chapman and Ada Potts Bird on June 21, 1933. He was the 2nd of their 5 children.

Dad grew up in Salt Lake City attending South High School before being drafted into the Army. He patriotically served his country in the Korean War. After his military service, he returned home to Salt Lake and married his sweetheart Marjorie Jenkins on November 11, 1955. Together they had 3 children Brad (Margene) (former spouse Teresa), Greg (Janet) and Shauna (Scott Nelson). Gordon and Marge also have 8 grandchildren (Tyler, Julia, Connor, Colby, Chelsey, Courtney, Karli, and Preston) and 10 great grandchildren.

Marge and Gordon were sealed to each other and their children on June 12, 1980, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Gordon provided for his family as an electrical contractor. He wired numerous homes and businesses throughout Salt Lake Valley and the surrounding areas. He excelled in the business world and his personal life through his integrity and kind manner which he genuinely displayed to all those he encountered each day of his life.

In his free time Gordon loved spending time with his family. Taking his children on numerous camping and fishing trips where he instilled in them a love for the great outdoors. Many great memories were made on opening day of the deer, pheasant and fishing seasons with his brothers, sons, and nephews.

Dad also spent countless hours coaching, practicing, and cheering on his children and grandchildren. He was at every baseball game, dance recital, cheer and drill event or beauty pageant. It was very rewarding for Gordon to watch his children and grandchildren progress and excel in life. Dad was always there to support us through our triumphs along with our setbacks, always with a smile and words of encouragement. His selfless personality was always evident to his children and grandchildren as he generously gave of his love, time, and assistance unconditionally to help and support each of us in all our endeavors.

One of the highlight events that Gordon and Marge provided for the family was their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary Cruise on the Royal Caribbean "Jewel of the Seas". Many lifelong memories were made by all as we cruised the Southern Caribbean.

Gordon is survived by his siblings Don (Kaye), Kenneth (Margaret), Kathy Rawlins and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Ira Chapman and Ada Potts Bird, sister Betty Siciliano, her husband Al Siciliano and their son, Craig Siciliano.

Gordon will be interred with military honors at Larkin Sunset Gardens.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thankfulness and gratitude to the incredible staff of the William E. Christoffersen Salt Lake Veterans Home for their countless hours of care and love given to Gordon this past year.

Funeral services will be held at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah on Saturday, March 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with a viewing prior to services beginning at 12:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

To view the COMPLETED services via Zoom, click the "Watch Services" button or follow the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yW_lfNlfCaN3uEzN-LxtEo1wQ1t0geVxB0tEOOenKc7n2Qgs9oOY_Tn7AoZ6mvlU.zan