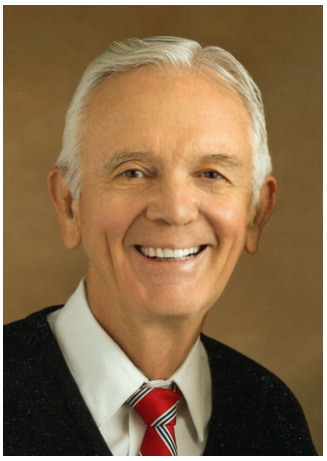

Gordon Frank Scheffner

July 11, 1933 ~ November 30, 2024

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Gordon Frank Scheffner, our beloved husband, father, grandpa, great-grandpa, and friend returned home with honor to our loving Heavenly Father on November 30, 2024. Our Dad was the best dad. He lived a life of service leaving everything he touched and those he knew better for having known him.

Gordon was born on July 11, 1933, in Salt Lake City, UT to Frank and Johanna Scheffner. He met his sweetheart, the love of his life, Naoma Hilda Bateman up at the University of Utah Singles Ward. He always said that she was the only girl for him. They were married on February 7, 1969, in the Salt Lake Temple. She truly was his richest and greatest blessing!

Gordon and Naoma were blessed with three children and thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His posterity brought great joy to his life.

Gordon served a mission to the Southern States Mission, where he developed a deep testimony of the Savior Jesus Christ. He served in many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He and his lovely wife enjoyed serving together after he retired for many years as missionaries in the Liberty 8th ward and also in the Rose Park Area and cherish the friendships they made during that service. He also enjoyed serving in the Branch Presidency at the Veteran's Branch at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City for several years in his early 80's. His favorite service though was in the Temple. He loved working in the Temple as a Temple Worker. He loved going to the temple several times a week for many decades serving in the House of the Lord.

Gordon was a great reader. He loved reading and studying the scriptures. Those studies have continued to strengthen his testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has shared that testimony many times. Gordon also was an avid journalist. He has dozens of journals where he has chronicled his life and the changes here in Salt Lake City over the last 50 years.

Gordon was an exceptional athlete as well. At the age of 62, he retired and began to participate in the Senior Olympics. He traveled to events in many western states, where he competed until his late 80's. He competed in the 100 m, 400 m runs, triple jump, hurdles, javelin and other events. Over the course of 25 years of competing he won over 500 gold medals in these events.

Gordon Graduated from the University of Utah in Business and spent his working years in the banking industry. He worked for Walker Bank, First Interstate Bank and First Security Bank in their Trust Departments. He enjoyed his

banking career and the friendships that he made.

Gordon was involved in the community for many years as well. He served in the Lions Club, played regularly in a ping pong league, was supportive of Operation Smile and Smile Train. Gordon served on the East High School boosters club from 1989 – 1991.He served as Booster's President in 1991 for a year. Gordon and Naoma spent many years tutoring at Emerson, Bonneville, Washington and Whitier Elementary Schools.

Gordon and Naoma were also very fond of going to Yuma, Arizona for many years for six weeks during the winter. They made many life-long friends from that trip each year. It was a wonderful time that they looked forward to each year.

Our Dads faith and love of the gospel was the foundation of who he was. He exuded a Christlike attitude in many aspects of his life, As an avid member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He loved the Savior and never stopped working to become more and more Christlike.

Survived by his Wife and Sweetheart, Naoma, his Kids, Fred (Ashley) Scheffner, Gary (Jennifer) Scheffner, Barbara Ann (Justin) Rockwood, his precious grandchildren: Andrew (Megan); Matthew, Michael (Jentry & great-grand child Sophie Lou Scheffner), John, Benjamin, Samuel, Jacob, Zachary (Serving Mission in Georgia), Joshua, Adam, Emily, Brandon and Tyler.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2024, at 11:30 am with a viewing prior from 10:00 – 11:15 am at the Yalecrest 2nd Ward, 1035 S. 1800 E. SLC, UT 84108. Interment at Salt Lake City Cemetery. For those unable to attend, a recording of the services will be available via Zoom. Please click on the "Watch Services" link above