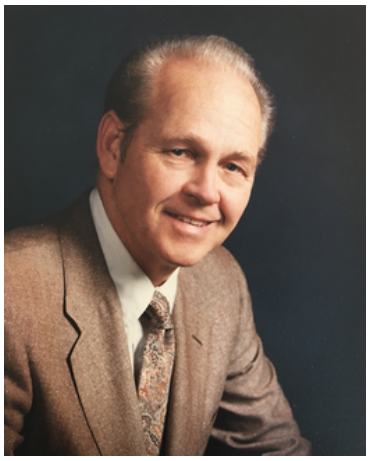

# Harold Bencke Nielsen

*August 14, 1926 ~ February 18, 2022*

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Draper, UT - Harold Bencke Nielsen, our loving husband and father, peacefully passed away after a head injury due to a fall. He returned to his loving heavenly parents on Friday, February 18, 2022, at the age of 95.

Harold was born on August 14, 1926 in North Hollywood, California, the son of Harold Holger Nielsen and Anna Hansine Bencke. His father passed away when he was seven years old. Harold was the youngest of 11 children. He is now with loved ones that he has missed for so long.

Harold served in the U.S. Navy in WWII. When he returned from the war, he served a mission in Denmark from 1947-1950 for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Shortly after he returned from his mission, he met Gloria Rae Stark. It didn't take long for them to fall in love. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Saint George Temple on May 1, 1951. Harold graduated from Brigham Young University in 1954. Shortly after graduating, Harold started his own insurance agency in Southern California to support his growing family.

Harold and Gloria moved to Draper, Utah in 1992. Harold would often say, "I love my Draper niche". He loved opening his home to family and friends, but especially enjoyed visits with his grandchildren attending college in Utah.

Harold was loved by his wife, his 8 children, 37 grandchildren and 57 great-grandchildren. He helped each feel important and special with his support of their activities, showing interest in their growing families and having personal chats in his den.

Harold was a golf enthusiast. He enjoyed this time with friends and being outdoors. He played well into his later years and won the gold medal at the World Senior Olympics in St. George, Utah in 2012.

Harold made serving a priority. He served in various ward and stake callings, including Bishop and as a Patriarch for 35 years. In addition, he and our mother served together on several Church missions at Welfare Square, the state prison and Westridge Academy. You could tell by the way he lived his life that the gospel was very important to him. He was filled with kindness, compassion and Christ-like love for others.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his 10 siblings; and his daughter Paula Ann Giles. He is survived by his wife Gloria; and his children Lynette (Bob), Diana (Larry), Tom (Christine), John (Denise), Craig (Linda), Carol (Lloyd) and Sandi.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 5th, 2022 at 11:00 am at the LDS Chapel located at 1450 Raddon Drive, Sandy Utah 84092. Friends may visit with the family on Friday night from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the same ward building and on Saturday morning from 10:00 - 10:30 am prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery (1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah 84092.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests contributions be made to the
Tunnel to Towers Foundation (T2T.org).

To view COMPLETED services, you must have a Zoom account, then click the "Watch Services" button or click on the following link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8wZxG6Zikybd2tF0NA39GMQ2DRnDSGSKcR3AlF3_Pza2DLq0mVHmRBB4kigZnPyz