

Henry William "Bill" Edwards

September 1, 1931 ~ December 12, 2021

Henry William “Bill” Edwards passed away peacefully at home on Sunday December 12, 2021 to be reunited with his eternal companion Janice who he longed to be with since her passing five years ago. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah September 1, 1931 to Henry Wagstaff and Millie Workman Edwards.

Bill is survived by his six children: Mike (Debbie), Steve (Shelley), Jim (Roslyn), Laurie, Bobby (Susan), Wally (Lisa). He is also survived by his twenty-six grandchildren, their spouses and thirty-one great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his sister Mildred and preceded in death by his parents, sister Renee Groves; spouse Dick, brother Jack; spouse Marianne and brother-in-law Ralph Evans.

Lifelong resident of the Avenues in Salt Lake City. He grew up with many childhood friends who remained in contact throughout their lives. In 1947, as a boy scout attended the International Jamboree in France. He taught himself how to ski in the foothills north of the Avenues in Salt Lake City eventually leading to a spot on the University of Utah ski team. In 1974 he and Janice built their dream home in the upper avenues enjoying the panoramic view of the city near the spot where he skied.

At age 18, served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to Mexico and was one of the first missionaries to preach the gospel in Guatemala. Upon returning he met the love of his life Janice Buchanan and were married in the Salt Lake Temple April 15, 1954. After completing his US Army obligation at Ft. Bliss Texas, he finished his studies at the University of Utah and joined his father at Elias Morris and Sons.

In 1972, he started “Edwards Tile Company,” where he provided his children the opportunity to learn the value of hard work. He was well respected in the construction industry, and always treated his employees and customers fairly. His work is featured in many Salt Lake area commercial buildings, churches, restaurants, and homes. His dreams were realized through hard work and integrity but first and foremost he always put the things of God first.

He faithfully served where and when asked, many callings relying on his construction skills. From Scoutmaster to Bishop, he was loved by all, known for his wisdom and “down to Earth council.” Living by the philosophy “there is no such thing as a free lunch.” After retirement he and Janice served three missions: Welfare Square, a proselyting mission in Fresno California and a mission in Historic Nauvoo Illinois. He continued to volunteer his time at various Temple Square locations.

Funeral services will be held at Noon, Monday December 20th at the Hilltop Ward Chapel, 589 18th Avenue Salt Lake City with visitation from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. Viewing Sunday December 19th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple Salt Lake City. Interment at the Salt Lake City Cemetery next to his beloved Janice.

The recorded Zoom service can be viewed by clicking on the "Watch Services" button above, or by visiting this link, https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nEUy78D16eu10pIZQBQLD4NwwCW12bF7Zz4fVaZNyyrQgjEEIeOFAS_1_6hOCEwz