

Jacques Gaston Chappuis

April 11, 1942 ~ December 17, 2022

Jacques Gaston Chappuis passed away December 17, 2022, released from his battle with Alzheimer's. He was welcomed home by his parents, Gaston and Flore Lahon Chappuis. Born April 11, 1942, in Salt Lake City, Utah, he grew up in Salt Lake Avenues District where he excelled in academics and sports. He spoke French as an infant, learning English from his neighbor Kathryn Barnes and in kindergarten. He enjoyed playing tennis with his father, church basketball, marksmanship achievements in ROTC, and trips to national parks with famed Scout Master Robert Barnes and Troop 18. These trips nurtured a legendary, lifelong love of the national parks, especially Yellowstone and his beloved Arches, which he was introduced to for the first time in 1955 by Bob Barnes.

He was proud of his Swiss-Belgian heritage and his French language skills, which he utilized on his three-year LDS French-East Mission, where his knowledge of French was very useful. He had a great affection for his mission president, Hank Moyle, Jr. On his return, he served in the National Guard during the Vietnam War, again using his French language skills with intelligence translation work. He earned a bachelor's degree in banking & finance from the University of Utah and a master's at the University of Oklahoma. His banking and commercial lending career progressed through Walker Bank, First Interstate Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, First Security Bank, ending with the Bank of Utah. He served as President of Sugarhouse Rotary and the Sugarhouse Chamber of Commerce, where he was instrumental in obtaining city approvals for and development of the Sugarhouse shopping center.

In 1966 he married Carma Kirby in the Salt Lake Temple. They welcomed eight children into their marriage. They resided in the Salt Lake Avenues District, Canyon Rim, Ogden, and in Holladay neighborhoods where Jacques served as Scout Master numerous times, including three National Boy Scout Jamborees. He achieved his Eagle Scout and was very proud and deserving of his Silver Beaver Award. His church service included many positions, including service in the bishopric, but he was most fond of serving with the youth and his 12 years' service teaching family home evening lessons at the Utah State Prison. He was an avid participant and referee in many church ball activities and had a great love of University of Utah football. His voice was 'generously shared' with all spectators, and his enthusiastic commentary resulted in expulsion from several church ball games. It was his great joy to take people to Arches, especially his children. He enjoyed hiking and fishing with his grandchildren and sharing fish stories with his good friend Arlen Ekberg.

Over the past few years he experienced increasing memory difficulty, and was cared for by his devoted wife until October, when he moved to a memory care facility where he received excellent care and attention for his last two months. With the adoption of Angela in 1985, Jacques, Carma, and all of the children were adopted into the family of Jerry and Lela Cahill. It has been a lasting and loving relationship. We are sure Jacques was greeted by Jerry Cahill, along with Carma's parents, Harold and Ethel Kirby. For a moment only French was spoken in heaven as his mother and father, Gaston and Flora Chappuis, greeted him.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carma, and his children: David (Marlo), Michael (Laurie), Bryce (Jen), Brett (Jeni), Shari Reid, Nora, Juan, and Angela; 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sisters Jeanne Robson and Flora (Harry) Barker; as well as many extended family members. We are grateful to Aubrey, Sarah, and Sherrie of Elevation Hospice for their loving care of Jacques and their support of Carma, and to the staff of Spring Gardens Memory Care and its bishopric and their wives for their loving care and many kindnesses.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 27, at noon, preceded by a viewing from 10:30 to 11:45 AM, at the Olympus Third Ward, 4100 S. Camille Street (4100 S. 2400 E.), Holladay, followed by burial at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery, 2350 E. 1300 S., Salt Lake City.