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Jeffery Burton Wensel was born on May 21, 1943, to George and Louise Wensel in Salt Lake City, Utah. At the age of four, his family moved to Bountiful, where he grew up alongside his older brother, Kent. Kent was a constant companion, teaching Jeff to play various sports. Jeff excelled in athletics, serving as the catcher for his high school baseball team and as the captain of the tennis team.

Jeff's strong work ethic was instilled by his parents. His mother, Louise, worked tirelessly until she was 80, when she suffered a severe leg injury. His father, George, retired at 76 to care for her, demonstrating a profound commitment to family. Jeff followed their example, working as a Hod Tender and sharing stories of his time working on the Salt Lake Temple. He took great pride in recounting how he would walk the narrow walkways and polish Moroni's feet.

Jeff transitioned to a career in sales with Souvall Brothers, where he serviced grocery and convenience stores. His dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed. When Smith's acquired Souvall's, Jeff was promoted to District Manager, a role in which he thrived for over 30 years. His colleagues were among his best friends.

An avid outdoorsman, Jeff, enjoyed fishing, and loved playing golf, and had the honor of playing with Johnny Miller. He took great pride in his yard and spending time tending to his garden. His love for the outdoors was a reflection of his appreciation for life's simple pleasures.

Jeff was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in various auxiliary presidencies and as a missionary at the Family Search Center. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, guiding his actions and decisions. Jeff was always the first to offer help to those in need, embodying the principles of compassion and service.

Jeff's greatest love was his family. He and the love of his life Barbara were sealed for time and all eternity in the Logan Utah Temple on October 12, 1962. Together, they raised four children: Carole, Dave (Kathi), Gary (Janet), and Debi (Ken). They were blessed with 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in Jeff's heart. He remained devoted to his wife, staying by her side until his hospitalization, always inquiring about her well-being and ensuring she was cared for.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, George and Louise, his brother Kent, and his great-grandchild Jamie. His legacy of love, dedication, and service lives on through his family and the countless lives he touched. The family extends special thanks to the ICU staff at Riverton Hospital for their compassionate care.

Jeffery Burton Wensel’s life was a testament to hard work, faith, and family. His stories, lessons, and love will be cherished by all who knew him.

A viewing will be held on Thursday September 5 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the LDS Chapel located at 3407 W. Lily Garden Lane (9625 So.) in South Jordan Utah. The Funeral will be held at the same location on Friday September 6, from Noon to 1:00PM with a viewing prior to services beginning at 10:30AM through 11:45AM.

To view the recorded service, please click on the Watch Service button above.