

John Edward Wright "Ed"

October 27, 1939 ~ January 7, 2022

John Edward Wright (Ed), beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend passed away peacefully on Friday, January 7, 2022, at the age of 82.

Ed was born October 27, 1939, in Magna, Ut to Francis and Mildred Wright. They moved to Murray, Ut, where he grew up and graduated from Murray High School. He attended Dixie State College in St. George Ut, where he played football. He enlisted in the Air Force after college and was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, NM. After returning home, Ed married Edith Schenk and together they embarked on a life of hard work and adventures. He retired early after working for Geneva Rock for many years. After the early passing of his wife, Edith, he met and married Charleen Tilley Dunn, and continued traveling to explore new places.

Ed enjoyed traveling, camping, hunting, geocaching, and anything else outdoors. He spent winters snowmobiling in Yellowstone or enjoying the Arizona heat. Easter weekend he was in Moab, Ut for the Jeep Safari, and in the summer, he could be found camping in Stanley, Id or one of the many other locations he loved. In the fall he went hunting with family, cousins, and friends. He traveled to many other places from Canada to New Mexico and everywhere in between. For his dream vacation, he drove to Alaska and spent a month driving the Alaskan highway. Ed enjoyed motorcycle trips with his cousin and friends and even went to Sturgis, SD a couple of times for the motorcycle rally. He also enjoyed taking shorter day rides to many locations around Utah and the surrounding states. Ed visited New York City, Indiana, and Germany and he was amazed when he saw the Mississippi River for the first time. After all of his travels, his love and heart remained in the mountain west.

Charleen would often tell him, “Thanks for the ride, Ed".

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Mildred Wright, his sister Delma Perkins, his brother Leonard Wright, and his wife Edith Wright.

Ed is survived by his spouse, Charleen Tilley Dunn, his children Kevin Wright (Tamra), Randy Wright, Wendy Simmons (Jason), and four grandchildren.

Ed will be missed very much.

Funeral services will be on Friday, January 14, 2022, at 11:00 am at Larkin Sunset Gardens Chapel, 1950 East Dimple Dell Road, Sandy, Utah. A viewing will be held from 10:00 - 10:45 am prior to services. Interment to follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens in the Garden of Atonement.