Joseph Kay Papenfuss

April 17, 1934 ~ December 6, 2021

Joseph Kay Papenfuss, 87, of Salt Lake City, UT, passed away peacefully in his home on December 6, 2021. Joseph was born on April 17, 1934, in Brigham City, UT, the youngest child of Curt Papenfuss and Catherine Willes. His family moved shortly thereafter to St. Ignatius, MT. Upon high school graduation, Joseph served in the US Army, and then served an LDS mission in Australia. On May 29, 1959, he married his sweetheart, Irene Casper, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Joseph had a passion for learning and was an avid reader. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in mathematics. After graduating, he worked in the scientific research program at Hercules as a computer programmer, while also working on his MBA from the University of Utah. After graduating, he taught at the university for two years. Following this, he moved to Bloomington, Indiana to pursue his doctorate in business from Indiana University. Throughout his career he taught at several institutions and retired as a Professor of Management from Westminster College in 2000. He was an excellent teacher and a great source of knowledge.

Joseph was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He had a deep love of the gospel and was a scholar of the scriptures. Throughout his life, he served wherever he was needed, including in bishoprics, in the high council, and as a gospel doctrine teacher. He also served several service missions for the Church.

Joseph is survived by his children Carla (Ned) Bennett of Blackfoot, ID; John (Shauna) Papenfuss of Hooper, UT; Rebecca (Todd) Peters of Syracuse, UT; Rachel (Darin) Fox of Murray, UT; and Mark (Pamela) Papenfuss of Star, ID. He loved his 20 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren dearly. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Casper Papenfuss, and their son Craig Joseph Papenfuss.

Services honoring Joseph's life will be held on Saturday, December 11, at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary in Salt Lake City, UT. A viewing will be held at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary from 6-8pm on Friday, December 10, and from 9-9:45am on Saturday, December 11. The funeral service will begin at 10am. Interment will be in the Sandy City Cemetery following the service. The recorded service may be viewed by clicking on the "Watch Services" button above. The graveside dedication and military honors can be viewed at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Y9zSlMZN2KD6XBvVprukIE1SeYlF4lwD_SFCmzfVwiUdzz-iwseaEr6r5XueHynl.S4KU