Harold Sand Ecker

July 26, 1928 ~ February 4, 2015

Harold Sand Ecker (Far Far), 86, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away February 4, 2015 at his home in Cedar Hills, Utah. He was born July 26, 1928 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Gudrun Kristine Kaalstad and Peter Sand Ecker. On June 27, 1951, he married his high school sweet-heart, Beverly Jean Snyder, in the Salt Lake Temple.

The youngest of three children, Harold graduated from South High in 1946. His career was spent as a photographer. He and his brother, Ray, co-owned Ecker Studio on 3rd South and Main. Eventually the camera business was sold and Harold moved the photography business to Highland Drive in Salt Lake City.

Shortly after Harold's marriage he was called to serve in the Army during the Korean War. He left his wife and newborn daughter for 18 months and served as a Sergeant in the 98th Engineering Aerial Photo Reproduction Company. During his spare time in Korea he "adopted" a Korean orphanage, bringing in clothing and toys from the U.S. and trying to brighten their lives.

Harold served an LDS mission to Oslo, Norway from 1948 to 1951. In his later years he also served a mission on Temple Square and two missions for the Coordinating Department of the LDS Church. A lifelong, devoted church member, he served in many callings including Bishopric, High Priest Group leadership and Elders Quorum Presidency. He especially loved working with the young men.

His passions were his family, his cabins at Fish Lake and Pine Mountain, skiing, snow mobiling, water-skiing, and his boat. Far Far cherished his time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His answer was always "YES" to any of their requests.

Harold is survived by his wife Beverly, his daughter, Miriam (Taylor) Harper, and son, Randal (Jill) Ecker, 12 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Peter and Gudrun Ecker, his brother, Ray Ecker, his sister, Norma Larrabee, and his son, Lynn Stewart Ecker.

The family would like to thank the staff at The Charleston, Encompass Hospice, and all those who took such tender and loving care of Harold during his last days. Thank you for the concern, support, and thoughtfulness that you gave to each family member. Also, thank you to Larkin Mortuary for the dignity and compassion they have shown to Harold, Beverly and their family.

A viewing will be held Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:45 A.M. at Larkin Mortuary (260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City) followed by the funeral services at Noon. Interment will follow the funeral at the Salt Lake City Cemetery (200 N Street).