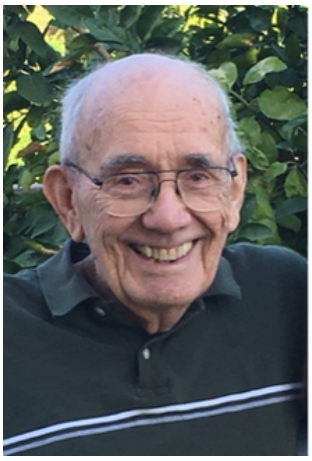

Lloyd Easton Platt

January 5, 1934 ~ October 14, 2022

Lloyd Easton Platt, 88, passed away peacefully at home in Salt Lake City in the early hours of October 14, 2022, surrounded by loving family throughout.

Lloyd Easton Platt was born to John Lloyd Platt and Jeanetta Scott Platt on January 5, 1934, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, and grew up with warm, caring parents, siblings, and extended family. He graduated from South High School, followed by service in the United States Army in Korea. After his honorable discharge from the Army, he met his lifelong soulmate, Fern Josephine (Jo) Johnson, and they were married on November 18, 1955, in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. They have enjoyed 67 years of love, adventure, and romance together. Soon after their marriage, Lloyd entered the University of Utah, where he and Jo persevered through several grueling years of study before he graduated with a degree in architecture. Despite the challenges, Lloyd and Jo loved their time in married student housing at Stadium Village and have maintained close contact with their “study group” friends. Upon graduation, the family—now with three children—headed for California, where Lloyd began his career as an architect. They soon returned to Utah, where he continued to design and supervise the construction of modern-style public, commercial, and residential buildings. His favorite projects were his work as the head supervising architect for the Redlands and Newport Beach temples in California. In 1977, after a series of events culminating in a pivotal game of Scrabble, Lloyd and Jo gathered up seven of their nine children and moved to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where Lloyd worked as an architect for the church for two years. He traveled the country supervising the building of chapels as membership of the church blossomed in Brazil. They returned to Utah and continued to raise buildings and children—now ten. Lloyd was a devoted father. Pull Dad off the Couch was a favorite Sunday night game, and he could be coaxed into making up very entertaining stories that always included a strategic wind storm. After raising the children—eleven in all—Lloyd and Jo spent 2005 to 2007 as service missionaries in the Philippines and 2011 to 2012 preaching the gospel as missionaries in the Manchester, England mission. Lloyd also willingly served in various capacities in the ward and stake. Family life and participation in establishment of the kingdom of God on Earth brought him great joy. He also enjoyed instrumental music of various kinds and painting large abstract oil paintings. His paintings were displayed in several Salt Lake City galleries and accepted in annual shows at the Springville Art Museum; he also had a one-person show at the Kimball Art Center in Park City, Utah. He sold many of his paintings and gave many more to his beloved children and grandchildren.

Lloyd was a kind, humble man in his interactions with others and was steadfast and immovable in faith, devotion, and integrity—he will be greatly missed.

Lloyd is survived by his wife, Josephine, children Sheri (David) Tesseyman, Randy (Stacy) Platt, Russell (Mary Kay) Platt, Laura (Darrell) Davis, Tracy (Jennifer) Platt, Jeanetta (Colin) Robinson, Steven (Holly) Platt, David

(Kaylene) Platt, Nathan (Paulette) Platt, daughters-in-law Tanya (Brian) Platt and Talia (Jason) Platt; brothers, Gerald (Beverly) Platt and John (Shawna) Platt, and sisters, Laurel Bush and Lynn (Elmar) Gudat; 43 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren (with three more on the way); many friends and extended family.
Preceded in death by parents, sisters Janet Platt and Myrna Platt Coats, sons Brian Lloyd Platt and Jason Paulo Platt, and grandson Joseph Russell Platt.