Francis Elvin Peek

March 25, 1926 ~ April 5, 2014

Francis Elvin Peek, was born March 25, 1926 in Salt Lake City. He was the third child and first American born to Elizabeth Elvin and Sydney William Peek. He died April 5, 2014 at age 88.

Fran grew up in Salt Lake City's Avenues and graduated from West High School and the University of Utah. He married Jeanne Willey (Buchi) August 30, 1949. They had three children: Kim, Brian (Elizabeth) and Alison. They were later divorced. Fran had two grandchildren: Stacie (Daniel) Gibson and Melanie (Ryan) Langford as well as six great-grandchildren: Aidan, Isaac, Ari, Lindsey, Dylan and Emerie, and granddog, JimmieSophia.

A talented artist, Fran had a long career in advertising and public relations. He was past-president, board member, and lifetime member of the Utah Advertising Federation, and winner of the Silver Medal from the American Advertising Federation. He enjoyed a second career as Public Information Officer for the Utah State Office of Education. Fran spent 25 years traveling the world with son Kim, who inspired the movie "Rainman."

Fran was preceded in death by his son Kim, parents, sisters Phyllis and Joyce, brothers Terry, Syd and Noel.

A private service has been held. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity, Huntsman Cancer Institute, the Utah Food Bank or Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Please leave online condolences for the family at www.larkinmortuary.com.