

Michael William McKendrick

June 19, 1939 ~ November 12, 2022

Surrounded by his loving wife and family, Michael William McKendrick returned home to his Heavenly Father on November 12, 2022 at the age of 83. Born on June 19, 1939 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Pat and Clara McKendrick, Mike lived a full and wonderful life.

After graduating from South High School, he attended UCLA, where he studied prosthetics. This gave him the opportunity to work with his parents, making artificial limbs for amputees at their family-owned business, Artificial Limbs, Inc. for over 40 years. He married his sweetheart, Joyce Cochrane, on May 19, 1967. They were sealed in the Salt Lake Temple eight years later and were happily married for fifty-five years.

Mike also worked for the Inn at Temple Square in the maintenance department for ten years before he retired. He also served in many capacities for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was a Bishop, Bishopric Counselor, Young Men's President, Ward Clerk, Elders Quorum President, High Priest Group leader, and a Stake High Council member. One of his most cherished experiences was working at the recommend desk for the Salt Lake Temple.

Some of his many joys were playing the piano, fishing and camping, admiring nature, bowling, and working on cars; for he was an all-around fix-it guy. He was fond of the cats and dogs; he had as pets his entire life. Western movies were his favorites, especially ones with John Wayne and Clint Eastwood in them. He loved spending time with (and teasing) his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, all whom he cherished very much.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Cochrane McKendrick, and his children: Diane (BJ) Holder, Maureen (Thom) Braga, Daniel (Mackenzie) McKendrick, Linda Burrage, Donna (Kerry) Murdock, and foster daughter Tanya Jolley; and his twelve grandchildren.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Roderick “Pat” and Clara McKendrick, his brother Robert Vance Larsen, his sisters Betty Jean Larsen VanWagenen, JoAnne Larsen Cheney, and Sharon McKendrick, and his grandchildren: Casey and Clarisse Braga, and Isaac McKendrick.

We would like to thank Fairfield Village Rehab for getting our dad home after some heart issues, and Atlas Hospice for their kind and loving care before his passing.

An evening viewing will be held at Larkin Mortuary (260 East South Temple) on Thursday, November 17th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. On Friday, November 18 a viewing will be held prior to the funeral service at the ward house (225 W 500 N, Salt Lake City) from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 at the same location. The interment will take place at the Salt Lake City Cemetery at 2:30 PM. For those desiring to view the recorded services, please click the blue “Watch Services” button above.