

Morris Frank Page

May 5, 1925 ~ January 10, 2026

Morris Frank Page, age 100, passed away on January 10, 2026 at his home with his family around him. Morris was born May 5, 1925 in Riverton Utah, the son of William O. Page and Alice T. (Morris) Page. He had two older sisters, Mildred Collett and Wilma Fowkes, an older brother Gwynne and a younger brother Robert.

Dad grew up helping his father with the three poultry farms he operated. His mom recounted how he would play outside and build structures out of dirt, especially dams in the ditches. This was clearly an indication of his future career as a civil engineer. He graduated from Jordan High school in 1944 where he played in the school band and orchestra.

Near the end of high school he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and went to fight in Pacific Theatre of WWII; from the tip of New Guinea, across the shores of China, and up thru the Philippine Islands. He was a gunner and flight engineer on a B24 Bomber in the 21st Squadron, 5th Bomber Group of the 13th Airforce. Our family is proud of his service to our country.

In the fall of 1945, he returned home to live with his parents, who had now sold the farm and moved into Salt Lake in the Sugarhouse area. Over the next four and a half years he attended the University of Utah and graduated in June of 1950. He also met and married his wife Jane Eleanor Swope who happened to live around the corner from him. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 30, 1949.

After Graduation they moved to Sacramento, California where he had obtained employment with the Federal Government. However, this job kept him away from home much of the time so he found employment with the Division of Architecture, State of California. In February of 1952 they moved back to Salt Lake City where he acquired a job in a private consulting structural engineers office.

They resided in an upstairs apartment from his parents where they welcomed their first two Daughters, Kathy and Marcy. They then began building a home in Holladay, Utah where they resided from 1956 until their deaths. Here they welcomed another daughter, Terry, and a son, Steven.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served in the Bishopric of the Emerson ward in Sugarhouse. He also joined a group of older ward members in Holladay every Saturday morning to play basketball well into in 80’s.

Dad became a well-known and prominent Structural Engineer in the Valley, eventually starting his own consulting firm. Some of his better know buildings were the first Salt Palace in downtown Salt Lake City, the Huntsman Center, the addition to the Hotel Utah, concourse A and B as well as the food prep buildings at the Salt Lake International Airport, and many schools and government building across the State. He served as an officer and member of several professional associations and boards.

Hunting, fishing, golfing, and tennis were some of his outside passions. In the mid 60’s he built a cabin in the Soapstone area east of Kamas. It has given the family many years of memories, especially during the deer hunt season, and continues now under the next generation’s oversight.

After retirement he took up carving and carved many birds and other subjects over the years. He gave them as gifts to friends and family members. He belonged to a carving club and exhibited his work at shows winning numerous awards.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane, his parents and siblings. He is survived by his children Kathy (Paul) Chisholm, Marcy (Gary) Holt, Terry Beckstead, and Steven (Sam) Page. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 5 great great-grandsons.

The family wishes to thank Intermountain Healthcare Hospice for their excellent and gentle care of their father and grandfather.

A viewing will be held at the Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy on January 24th from noon-1 PM, graveside services will follow with Military Color Guard. Pallbearers will be Craig Chisholm, Brice Chisholm, Colin Chisholm, Scott Chisholm, Ben Holt, Thomas Beckstead, Cameron Page, and Carson Page. Honorary pallbearers: Steven Page, Paul Chisholm, and Gary Holt.