

Paul “Hap” Reed Green

March 29, 1929 ~ May 12, 2025

Paul “Hap” Reed Green peacefully completed his earthly mission and returned home to his Heavenly Father on May 12, 2025. “Happy”, as he was known as a child, was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 29, 1929, to Sarah Amanda Lindholm and Franklin Oscar Green. Hap attended South High School, where he was elected Class President and graduated with honors from the University of Utah with a BS in Geology and a Masters degree in Micro-Paleontology. Education was important to him, and he continued to attend the U of U with his friends and fellow octogenarians until he was 94.

Hap firmly believed in defending the freedoms that our Founding Fathers established. He proudly served as a Special Field Agent for the Counter-Intelligence Core, 901st Army Detachment, from 1950 to 1955. He was honored to be one of only 1000 Special Agents chosen as an elite, under-cover officer.

After graduation, Hap decided to go into business instead of pursuing a career in Geology and took a job in the shipping department of Bookcraft Publishers and Publishers Press. His business career spanned 30 years as he rose through the ranks to become General Manager of both companies. In his career at Bookcraft and Publishers, he cultivated a rich association with many wonderful employees and General Authorities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. When Hap was not working, he spent time running and winning multiple marathons and fishing with his brother on the sacred Madison River in Montana.

Hap married his eternal sweetheart, Ann Clark, on December 6, 1954, in the Salt Lake Temple. For 54 years they devoted their energy, time, and everything that they had, to each other, their five children, and anyone they encountered; serving others was their ambition. They were blessed with five children: Cynthia (Kim) Steadman, Julianne (Brent) Bawden, Michael (Holly) Green, Susan Green, Adam (Melannie) Green.

Ann and Hap created a loving home that was centered on the gospel truths of Jesus Christ. Together they taught by word and actions. They were truly one in love and purpose and taught their children to always put others first. His greatest strength was his ability to counsel, mentor and advise. Hap always said: “Don’t sweat the small things and focus on what really matters”, and “tomorrow everything will be brighter.” He is a perfect example of love, forgiveness, and seeing ‘the great’ in all people.

As a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served faithfully in many callings and assignments and had a tremendous impact on myriad people’s lives. Among other callings, he served as a missionary in the Southern States Spanish-Speaking mission, a Bishop, and a counselor in the Stake Presidency. Later in his life, Hap and Ann presided over the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission from 1986-1989. Here they welcomed, and faithfully served with 100’s of missionaries that they loved as their own sons and daughters: “Nunca olvides, somos familia, somos Argentinos.”

Hap was sweet, comical, engaging, and genuinely cared about anything that was interesting to YOU. He made you feel like you were his favorite person, and to him, you were! Always the gentleman, he insisted on walking everyone to the door of his home with his walker until the day he passed. He loved all sports, but was especially fond of his Boston Red Sox and the University of Utah.

Hap is survived by 21 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. To Hap's posterity, your Poppa is very proud of you.

Hap was preceded in death by his parents, his eternal companion Ann, his siblings Ruby Dickson, Ruth Yvonne Eyre Loeb, Oscar King Green, George Richard Green, Franklin Buck Green, Lillie Margery Vincent, and a grandson, Maximus Paul Green.

The Green family extends their deepest appreciation, love, and gratitude to the dedicated caregivers who lovingly cared for Hap towards the end of his life. (Heidi, Tina, Simote, Ana, Tammy, and Dale)

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held at 11am on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Monument Park Stake Center, 1320 S. Wasatch Drive, Salt Lake City. The family will receive friends and extended family members prior to the service at the Stake Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Saturday.

At Hap's request, a private family service and interment was held at Larkin Sunset Lawn prior to the memorial service. Online condolences can be shared at www.larkincares.com

For those wishing to attend the services virtually please click the "Watch Services" button at the top of the obituary page.