

Ralph Clyde Freeman

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If you knew Ralph Freeman, you knew what it meant to love deeply, to work hard, to serve, and to live ready and willing to face whatever life would bring.

Ralph was born on April 18, 1937, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Clyde Bullock Freeman and Fern Murdock. From the start, Ralph lived ready to help —he wasn't afraid of hard work, he could fix or restore anything, and he lived ready to serve anyone in need at a moment's notice.

At just 18 years old, he joined the Army Aviation Division and served in Korea from 1955–1959. He loved fixing helicopters, the adventure, and the feeling of purpose that came from being part of something bigger than himself. He carried that same courage and sense of duty into every chapter of his life.

Ralph owned and worked for Seagull Sales and spent his workdays doing what he did best — keeping things running, solving problems, and making sure everyone had what they needed not just at work, but in life also.

The greatest adventure of Ralph's life began on December 29, 1961, when he married Bonnie Anne Noorda in Elko, Nevada. From that day on, he was never without her by his side. They built a life together that was filled with family first. Some of the best memories came from road trips, camping trips, and family trips. Ralph and Bonnie's marriage was sealed in the Salt Lake Temple on December 2, 1986, with a promise of forever that matched the way they had always loved each other.

He loved to travel and see the world, but his favorite place was always wherever Bonnie was. Together, they raised a family who adored them. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the joy of Ralph's life. He showed up for them — every ball game, every life milestone, but most often in the everyday ordinary moments. Ralph was always there, and Bonnie was always with Him.

Ralph and Bonnie served two missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints —one at Deseret Industries and another at the Detention Center in Salt Lake City. He had a way of connecting with the youth at the detention center, and he used his own life lessons to help them grow and progress. He loved the gospel of Jesus Christ and believed deeply in the power of the Savior's Atonement. His faith was certain. He believed in second chances and reminded his family regularly that Jesus was real, and with us.

Just before Ralph passed away, a doctor reminded the family of an important truth: "The readiness is all." And that is just the way Ralph lived— always prepared, always steady, always ready to serve, to love, and to go where God called him next.

He will be remembered for his laugh, his constant service, and the way he always made you feel like you were the most important person in the room.

Ralph is preceded in death by his mother, Fern, father, Clyde, and his brother, John Clyde. He leaves behind the love of his life, Bonnie, their family who loves him fiercely, including Stephanie Falcon (Caesar), Greg Freeman (Emily), Michelle Freeman, (Shane), 19 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a lifetime of memories. As we hold onto those memories we will hold on to him.

Please join us for a viewing at Sunset Lawn, 2350 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City, on Saturday November 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. A family graveside service will follow.