

Richard Ira Corey

February 16, 1931 ~ April 28, 2025

Richard Ira Corey, 94, previously from Sandy, UT, departed this life peacefully on April 28, 2025, in Spanish Fork, UT.

Born in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Ira and Beatrice Corey on February 16, 1931, he spent his youth in Idaho Falls where he developed friendships that lasted his entire life and a loyalty that became a hallmark of his character.

Besides being a wonderful friend, he was a devoted son and brother, husband, father of 6 and grandfather to 24.

Blessed with curiosity, a great sense of humor, wisdom, the gift of leadership, and a deep desire and determination to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, his influence will be felt for many generations to come, while his quick wit and humor will surely be recalled frequently and fondly.

Ever the hard worker and kind leader, Richard was student body president at his high school in Idaho Falls, he served as a counselor to his mission president for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Northcentral States Mission, and received his bachelor's degree from BYU.

His diversified career path comprised of announcing in his trademark bass voice for several radio and television stations, including KSL, as well as working in sales and management for several financial planning and insurance companies.

Music, reading, loving people and serving in his church were Richard's passions. His callings included: Bishop, Stake Presidency member, Regional Representative, Mission President, and Stake Patriarch. His willingness to serve defined his life and cemented his legacy.

In 1953 he married Thelma Waters in the Idaho Falls Temple. They were happily married for 52 years. She graduated from this life in 2006.

After 2 years of bachelorhood, he found happiness again with his current wife, Jacqueline Smith Corey. They have shared nearly 17 years of companionship, fun, and love.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma; his daughter, Michelle Jirgensons (Ed); and granddaughter Kristen Corey.

He is survived by many loved ones including his wife, Jacqueline; children, Elizabeth Burkhardt (Jeffrey), Clayne Corey, Carolyn Machen (Shaun), Jason Corey (Kristal), and Geoffrey Corey (Cyndi); 24 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 in the LDS Chapel at 2675 East Mount Jordan Road (9700 South), Sandy, Utah.

Viewing is from 12:00-1:30 pm.

The funeral is from 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Interment will follow at Larkin Sunset Gardens at 1950 East Dimple Dell Road (10600 South), Sandy, Utah.