

Robert Curtis "Bear" Christensen Sr

May 3, 1928 ~ May 8, 2022

Our beloved father, grandfather, and brother, Robert Curtis Christensen Sr, also known affectionately as "Bear", passed away on Mother's Day evening at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah surrounded by his family. He was born on May 3, 1928 in Salt Lake City at the Holy Cross Hospital to Otto Christensen Sr and Marguerite Lubinitzki Christensen. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Otto Christensen Jr and Joseph Christensen. Robert is survived by his children Kathy A Christensen (Tammy Rice), Robert C Christensen Jr, Scott E Christensen, Jean M Pfoutz, Debra-Sarah MacLeod, his grandchildren Joshua MacLeod, Hunter Pfoutz, Elizabeth MacLeod, and by his younger sister Mary A Christensen Beck.

Robert grew up in Salt Lake City and graduated from West High School. Robert was a hard worker, and from an early age he and his older brother Otto delivered newspapers to supplement his family's income. After high school, Robert attended Welding School at Trade Tech where he earned an Associate Degree. Robert first worked with his brother Otto for the Rio Grande Railroad. In 1950, he joined the Army and served his country for a full two-year tour of duty on the battlefield as an engineer laying mine fields in the Korean War. After returning from the war, he continued to serve his country for many years in the National Guard.

After the war, Robert was employed by Lang company as a Steel Fabricator/Welder. Around 1964 he was hired by Simpson Steel, again as a Steel Fabricator/Welder. It was hard work and he took great pride in doing his job well. Robert would talk about his work long after he retired as it was something that he was very proud of. He worked for Simpson Steel for perhaps four more decades before his much deserved retirement, as he retired many years after he was first eligible to do so.

Robert was a loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a very kind soul and loved to make others laugh with his dry sense of humor. In addition to spending time with his own family, Robert loved to spend time with his brothers and sister and there was always lots of love and laughter when we got together with them. Robert was a down-to-earth sort and enjoyed being outdoors fishing, hunting, or vegetable gardening. He was also an avid bowler and participated on several bowling leagues and was Team Captain on two of them simultaneously for many years. Robert would often come home with bowling trophies, something that he and his family were very proud of. Another passion of his was baseball. Robert loved attending the Salt Lake City "Bees" baseball games and did so frequently with his grandson Josh, whom he adored, by his side.

Dad and Grandpa, you will always and forever be our hero. We will miss your love, your smile, and your sense of humor. May the Lord bless you and keep you until we meet again. All our love, your family.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT. There will be a visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 am, the funeral service will follow at 11:00 am. Interment will be in

the Salt Lake City Cemetery.