

Robert Gordon Woodhead

March 3, 1936 ~ November 21, 2022

Robert Gordon Woodhead, 86, passed away November 21st at home surrounded by his loving family, whom he cherished. He had a great sense of humor, which lightened and brightened our lives and made us laugh at his quick wit.

Bob was born March 3, 1936, to Roy G. and Winnifred Laurie Woodhead in Ogden, Utah. He grew up in Tremonton and graduated from Bear River High School, where he played all sports but excelled in basketball. He competed for the state championship his senior year and was awarded All State honors. He attended the University of Utah, where he played basketball his freshman year before fulfilling a mission in the North Central States. His mission was where he cemented his testimony of Jesus Christ as his Redeemer and Savior.

After he returned home, he was sealed to Nadine Hall in the Logan Temple. Bob continued his studies at the U of U, while he worked for the Albertsons grocery chain.

In 1968 Bob co-founded The Store on 2050 E 6200 S, and this first store grew into five markets around the Salt Lake Valley.

Bob served as President of the Salt Lake Retail Grocers Association and later as President of the Utah Retail Grocers Association. He valued his colleagues, the independent grocers of Utah. His favorite part of the business, however, was his association with the many young people he hired and had an influence on their lives. He ended his career working for the state of Utah as Deputy Director of Administrative Services.

One week after retirement, he and Nadine departed on a mission to Hong Kong, where he served as Executive Secretary in the Asia Area Office. They grew to love the Asian countries and people. They also served in the Washington DC North Mission in the Visitor's Center. On their return home, they were called as ordinance workers in the Draper Temple, as well as a service mission in Sandy.

Bob had great joy in his posterity: Lisa Williams (Wade), Steven Woodhead (Jane Anne), Scott Woodhead (Karen), Jana Woodward, Tricia Pinnock (Destry). These five children grew to 19 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

He is also survived by a brother Tom Woodhead (Lynda), sister Sally Bellis, and sister-in-law Jan Woodhead, as well as brother-in-law, Daryl H. Garn (Shawna) and in-laws, Norma Hall, and Norma and Theo Coombs. He was predeceased by his parents, Roy and Winnifred Woodhead, brother Bill Woodhead, and in-laws, Byron and Hazel Hall, Roland Hall, Jean and Evan Stevenson and Irene Garn.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, November 26, at the Draper Sixth Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12820 South, 1300 East, Draper, UT. There will be a visitation from 9:00-10:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial at the Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd. (10600 S.), Sandy, UT. To view previously held services please visit

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