



## Stephen Charles Strong

*August 17, 1929 ~ April 23, 2022*

Stephen Charles Strong, beloved husband, father and grandfather died April 23, 2022 of natural causes. Stephen was born on August 17, 1929 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Merrill Charles Strong and Margaret Stone Strong. He participated in Boy Scouts as a youth and earned his Eagle Scout badge. He attended West High School and the University of Utah where he was enrolled in ROTC. Upon graduation in 1954, he received his commission in the army and served on active duty for three years. He later served another three years active duty from 1967-70. He spent many years as an army reserve officer and retired as a full Colonel.

Stephen married Nancy Aline Skinner on January 27, 1951. They had five daughters together. Nancy died on October 19, 1985. Stephen married Eleanor Bradford Hoffman on November 29, 1986. She died on June 18, 2006. He married Sharon Shirley on November 8, 2007.

Stephen owned and operated a service station for many years. He was a gifted auto mechanic and could build or fix anything. He enjoyed attending the theater, traveling, University of Utah gymnastics, family camp-outs, Christmas parties and taking friends and family out to dinner. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a man of integrity who was always honest and trustworthy. He was a patriot who loved his country.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters: Linda Morgan (Kirk), Kathy Akin (Rob), Vicky Smith (Larry), Cindy Broz (Randy), Margie Galusha (Jim), fourteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two wives and 1 granddaughter, Amanda.

The family would like to give sincere thanks to Cedarwood of Sandy for the loving care that Stephen received over the last thirteen months.

Friends are invited to greet the family during the viewing on Friday, April 29th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Cottonwood Heights 5th Ward Building, 2245 East 7075 South, Cottonwood Heights. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 2:00 PM at Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple, Salt Lake City, with a viewing one hour prior to services.

To watch the services online, please click on the blue "Watch Services" box to the right of Stephens photograph shown above.