Nicolaas Stolk

September 10, 1924 ~ January 27, 2018

Nick at age 93 passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 27, 2018 surrounded by countless family and friends, due to complications related to age. He was born September 10, 1924 in Rotterdam, Holland to Daniel Willem and Jannigje Roth Stolk. He grew up there in pleasant circumstances with his sister Jean and brother Larry, until the effects of WW II enveloped Europe. He was drawn into the conflict as he and many of the young men of the Netherlands were rounded up into forced labor camps. During this time with encouragement from his mother he joined the LDS church which began a lifelong commitment of church service. Following the end of the war he served a full-time mission in Holland, participating in many humanitarian projects, such as the Dutch Potato Project and was instrumental in helping rebuild the strength of the church in the region. When his full time missionary work came to an end, Nick felt a strong desire to join the saints in Utah, and found a willing sponsor in an uncle, Roy Ostler from Nephi, Utah. On April 30, 1954 he married the love of his life and eternal companion, Rosella Winters, daughter of Elwood and Elizabeth. Their love story has grown chapter after chapter for 64 years. Family and friends are the most important part of Nick and Rosella\s life. They are proud of and very involved in the lives of 3 children, 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, with 3 more on the way. Nick\s daily commitment was to serve with enthusiasm, walk with a purpose, and swim to the horizon! His love of the ocean was contagious, for all of his family and friends that spent time with him at the beach house, there was always sand on the floor, ice cream in the bowls, cards on the table, and adventure in the air. If you served with Nick in any church calling, you tied on your running shoes, and prepared to be lapped. Home teaching was his favorite calling and he felt that home teaching was the test of true discipleship. One of the highlights of their later years was the opportunity to serve their brothers and sisters in the Independence, Missouri mission. Nick, Opa, Elder, Papa, Bishop, Grandpa, Friend, Nico, Brother, Coach, Pops, Dad. We love you! We miss you already! It will never be the same. The energizer bunny has left the house, but not our hearts and the legacy lives on!

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Olympus 2nd Ward, 3070 East Nila Way, Salt Lake City, beginning at 11AM. A visitation will be held prior at the ward beginning at 10AM as well as Friday evening from 6-8PM. Interment to follow at Mountain View Memorial Estates. Condolences may be shared at www.larkinmortuary.com.