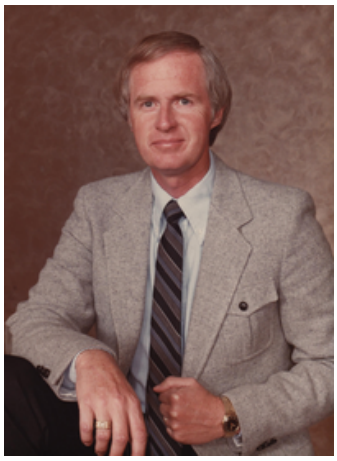


Walter Bruce Collett

May 23, 1937 ~ November 26, 2020

Our loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away in Salt Lake City on November 26, 2020. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on May 23, 1937 to Bruce and Dorothy Hurd Collett. He grew up in the Avenues at a house on 7th Ave and H Street, spent many years near downtown and finally called Sandy, Utah home until the end.

As a teenager, he played fast pitch softball and enjoyed drag racing with his friends. He graduated from West High School in 1955, and was their starting center on the basketball team. In these younger days, he was an avid skier and eventually taught his children the sport.

He attended the North 20th Ward where he met many young people and made lifelong friendships. He married the cutest girl in the ward, his sweetheart Dennie, on January 29, 1957. They were later sealed together, with their children, in the Salt Lake Temple for time and eternity on November 4, 1981.

Wally, as his friends knew him, was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He held many callings, including ward clerk and sports director. He also served as a missionary for his ward.

After marriage, he started his working career at Salt Lake Stamp. Later, he needed more money for his family so he moved on to Walker Bank & Trust Co. After working as an assistant trust officer, he was elected president of the Salt Lake City Jaycees in 1968. He spent sixteen years in property management at Manivest Corp and later became a portfolio manager for Prowswood Management Inc.

Wally and Dennie spent 63 years together raising their family. They were provided with many opportunities to travel. Some of their favorite places they visited include England, Hawaii and Capistrano. Wally was a devoted father who enjoyed fishing until he spent more time untangling the boys' lures, so he switched to golf. He was a loyal member of the Hidden Valley Country Club for 50 years, spending lots of time on the green. In his lifetime, he made six 'hole in one' shots.

Wally will be remembered for being a great listening ear, everyone's biggest cheerleader and a safe space for those he loved most. He wasn't a joker, but he had a quick wit when he wanted. He was always learning, analyzing things he didn't understand. He was honest in his dealings with people, never cheated at golf, and usually regretted getting upset with someone. Wally had a sharp mind that strived to understand more things. Like the Grinch, he 'puzzled and puzzled till his puzzler was sore.'

He is survived by his loving wife Dennie; their children Scott (Amy) Collett, Daniel (Tara) Collett, Gregg Collett, Shannon (Mike) Stockdale; twelve grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 2:00 PM at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. Dimple Dell Rd. (10600 S.), Sandy. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services. Friends are welcome to join the

funeral through zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89991107659?pwd=aDV3RjhKc2NZSmZFSi9WVVdIZG5PZz09