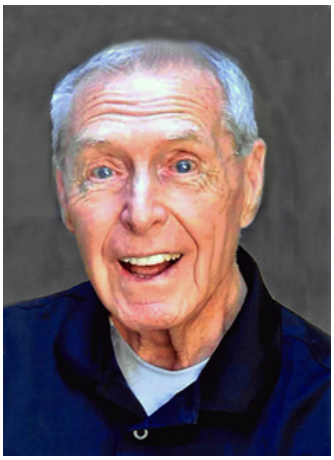

Wayne Joseph Gorringe

July 22, 1939 ~ September 22, 2022

Wayne Joseph Gorringe passed away peacefully on September 22, 2022. He was 83. The son of Lily Emma Kratzer and Orville Woodrow Gorringe, Wayne was born on July 22, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

From an early age, Wayne had an affinity for sports, and that affinity became a passion that he passed down to his children and grandchildren. He earned All-State honors in football while attending South High School, after which he went on to play at Westminster College alongside his brother, Paul. He played at fullback during Westminster's prolific 1957 season for a team that went undefeated and outscored its opponents 314-25. To honor the team's historic season, Westminster College later inducted Wayne, Paul, and their teammates into the school's Hall of Fame.

Following his playing days, Wayne remained active in athletics. He coached baseball and football at various levels, served as the President of Brighton Little League Football, and spent countless Saturdays rooting for his grandchildren's baseball, football, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, dance, and gymnastics teams. All the while he staunchly supported the New York Yankees, Brighton High School football, and University of Utah football.

On August 5, 1960, Wayne married Linda Lee Fagg. Together, they raised four children—Jeff, Scott, Mark, and Jill. In the early years of their marriage, Wayne served in the Army National Guard, and he was on active duty for the entirety of the Berlin Crisis of 1961. Thereafter, he made a career in business, the majority of which he spent in the title insurance industry. From the early 1990s until he retired, Wayne served as the President of Brighton Title Company.

Wayne had a big personality and an even bigger heart. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and he found great joy in serving others. Whether coaching, volunteering in the community, or simply being a supportive parent, grandparent, or friend, Wayne positively influenced the lives of nearly everyone he came in contact with.

Of his many admirable qualities, one of the finest was his sharp, observational sense of humor. Friend or foe, old or young, relative or stranger, everyone and everything was fair game. Indeed, no matter the situation, Wayne always had a witty one-liner at the ready. And there are frankly too many memorable examples to list here. But for those of us who knew him well, it is easy to recall an instance (or several) where one of Wayne's sarcastic quips brought an entire room to laughter. There is plenty more that could, and probably should, be said about Wayne. But if he were reading this, he would likely complain that it has already gone on for far too long. Suffice it to say, Wayne made the world a brighter, better, and funnier place to be.

In death, Wayne is reunited with his parents, his brother, Paul, and his great grandson, Wayne Dean-Franklin Gorringe. He is survived and missed by his wife, Linda, four children and their spouses, 15 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held for family at 3:30p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2022. Following the services, friends and family are invited to gather at The Chateau at Le Jardin, 1910 E Dimple Dell Rd (10600 South), Sandy, UT beginning at 5 p.m. until 7p.m., for a celebration in honor
of Wayne’s life. Please come join us.