

William Blood Mansell (Bill)

August 27, 1939 ~ November 23, 2024

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and friend, William Blood Mansell (Bill) left this mortal life suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, November 23, 2024.

Bill was born on August 27, 1939, in Salt Lake City, Utah to Lawrence William Mansell and Esther Lowella Hadlock Mansell. He was raised in a loving home with his parents and siblings: Faye, Joyce, Larry, and Mary. He attended South High School where he excelled in school and ran track. He took 5th place in the State in the mile run. He served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Northern States Mission. He also served in the National Guard and the Army Reserve for 11 years.

Bill married his beloved life-long sweetheart, Helen Annette Welch, in the Salt Lake Temple on June 8, 1962. They were happily married for 62 years and together they raised 6 wonderful children.

He attended the University of Utah and earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and later a master's degree in education administration. Bill taught 6th grade for 14 years and was an Elementary School Principal for 21 years in the Granite School District. He always worked very hard, having extra jobs in the summer and before school, to support his family.

Bill loved to travel and was always excited about the next adventure. He often took his family, and he always took his sweetheart, on many wonderful vacations. These are a source of fun memories for our family. When they got married, Bill promised Annette that he would take her to visit every temple in the world. He later, out of necessity, had to revise the promise to include only the 12 temples that existed in 1962! He and Annette traveled all over the world visiting temples and seeing new places. He especially loved their trip to the Holy Land and walking where Jesus walked.

Bill was a happy, joyful person. We will all miss his genuine smile and fun laugh. He had a work-hard, play-hard attitude to life. He was up early in the morning ready to go before the sun was up. He was often found studying his scriptures, going to the gym, doing family history work, attending the temple, baking his famous wheat bread and working in his yard. He thought of others before himself by regularly visiting or helping those in need. He loved attending concerts, sporting events, plays, or other activities involving his children or grandchildren. Whatever was important to them was important to him and he always cheered them on.

Bill was a faithful, devoted, and valiant disciple of Jesus Christ throughout his life, giving his all to loving and serving his family and many others. He held many callings in the Church including serving as a Bishop in Sandy, Utah and as President of the New Mexico Albuquerque Mission from 2001-2004. Bill served in the temple for many years including another full-time mission with Annette in the Boston Massachusetts Temple. Most recently he served as a primary teacher and temple office worker in the Draper Temple with Annette. He never missed an opportunity to

bear a strong testimony of Jesus Christ and His restored gospel. We are grateful for his 85 years with us and are comforted with a knowledge that we will be with him again.

Bill is survived by his wife, Annette, children, Bill (Marquette) Mansell, Marcia (Paul) Day, Mike Mansell, Diane (Joe) Boud, Greg (Mignon) Mansell, and Catherine (Jason) Topham, 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren at last count. He is also survived by two sisters, Faye Hillyard and Mary Facer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Larry, his sister, Joyce and 2 grandsons, Jay Mansell and Ben Boud.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building located at 1834 E. Creek Road, Sandy, Utah 84093. Friends and family may attend a viewing on Friday evening, November 29, 2024, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. Both viewings will be at the Church in Sandy. The interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens located at 1950 East 10600 South (Dimple Dell Rd), Sandy, Utah, 84092. Funeral services can be viewed online using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87544576479