Keith Alvin Jensen

January 28, 1923 ~ May 17, 2015

Keith Alvin Jensen, 92, died May 17, 2015 in Herriman, Utah. Born in Salem, Idaho on January 28, 1923, he is the son of Alvin Ward and Vida Fogg Jensen. He graduated from Pocatello High School in Idaho. He was inducted into the Army in 1943 and received his basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. During World War II he served in the European Theatre of Operations in the 2nd Mechanized Cavalry of General Patton's Third Army. He participated in five major battles from Utah Beach in France to Czechoslovakia (where the American forces met advanced units of the Russian Army.) He was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and received the French Croix De Guerre. Upon his return to the United States at the end of WWII he married Mildred Louise Graham of Columbia, S.C. They were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple and together they had eight children. In 1950 he was recalled to active duty during the Korean conflict. While there he was given a direct commission as a Lieutenant and served for a period as a platoon leader of a reconnaissance unit attached to the 6th Tank Battalion, 24th Infantry Division.

He was a builder and real estate broker in South Carolina during the fifties and sixties and later moved to Utah, where he was employed as a real estate representative for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, retiring in 1990. He was a life-long member of the LDS Church where he willingly and faithfully served in many capacities.

He is survived by his second wife, Mona Moore Jensen, to whom he was sealed in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Together they served missions in Nigeria and England. He is also survived by daughters, Shirley (James) McGuire of Draper, UT, Lorna (Gary) Broadhead of Herriman, UT, Annette Jensen of Herriman, UT, Kay Douthitt of Paris, TX, and Wendy (Troy) Hanson of Sandy, UT; sons, Barry (Belinda) Jensen of Pleasant Grove, UT and David (Kelli) Jensen of Saratoga Springs, UT; stepdaughters, Karen (Pat) Riley of Alvin, TX and Vera (Ken) McKee of Friendswood, TX; stepson, Mark Meadows of Columbia, SC; sister, Marlene Alston of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mildred Louise Graham, daughter, Jennifer Leigh Jensen, brothers, Donald Fogg Jensen and William Fogg Jensen, sister, Ruth Mander, and stepson, Kyle Meadows.

Friends and family are invited to attend a funeral service on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 12:00 noon at the LDS Church, 420 East Stokes Avenue, Draper, UT. There will be a visitation prior from 10:30 , 11:30 a.m. Interment will be at Larkin Sunset Gardens Cemetery, Sandy, UT. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the missionary fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the owners and staff of the Beehive Homes of Herriman for the loving care they provided during the time our dad was in their care.