



David Leland Barber Jr

September 9, 1931 - April 12, 2023

David Leland Barber, Jr. (Dave) passed away peacefully on April 12, 2023 in Provo, UT, nearly three years after the passing of his beloved wife, Carolyn James Barber. He was born September 9, 1931, in Salt Lake City, UT to parents David and Eunice Barber. Dave attended Judge Memorial High School and went on to graduate with a B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University of Utah. Dave also served briefly in the Utah Air National Guard. After graduation, Dave worked with the US Geological Survey doing soil testing for mining operations in the Salt Lake area. Later, he parlayed his chemical engineering training into electroplating circuit boards for early players in the computer manufacturing industry where he worked with Univac, Applied Digital Data Systems and Hewlett Packard among others throughout his career. Dave married Carolyn Louise James, daughter of Clyde and Vera James, on July 2, 1956, in Provo, UT and they were later sealed in the Salt Lake City Temple. They adored each other and were nearly attached at the hip for over 64 years. They lovingly raised four children in the Salt Lake area, eventually moving to Northern and later Southern California and eventually retiring in Henderson, NV. Dave was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints holding various priesthood leadership positions. He volunteered as a Venture Scout Young Adult Leader and served faithfully as a Las Vegas temple worker for more than 10 years. Dave stayed active throughout his life playing tennis, cycling and jogging, even in the snow. He took pride in his home through landscaping, painting and wallpapering, and could literally fix anything. Those skills, along with Carolyn's eye for design, made for many beautiful homes. Dave and Carolyn were known for their legendary hosting and entertaining skills and often enjoyed feeding and entertaining family and friends. This also gave Dave an opportunity exercise his passion for cooking as he prepared memorable gourmet meals. Dave was an amazing father who led by example in how to be honest, faithful, loving to EVERYONE especially his beloved wife! Dave was "Papa" to 13 grandchildren and 2 great granddaughters. He is preceded in death by his parents, Eunice and David Barber, wife, Carolyn Louise James Barber, brother, Irvin Barber and sister Carol Barber Hill. He is survived by daughter Melissa Barber (Frank) Benavidez, sons Brent (Carolyn) James Barber, Jeffrey (Carlie) David Barber, and Timothy David Barber.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Leland Barber Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dave was my uncle, but only 12 years older than I. While my Dad was away in World War II, my Mother and I lived with Dave and his parents. He was my big brother for purposes of pushing my stroller and visiting a neighbor's pet duck. Later, he was the uncle who could fabricate long stories based on a magazine cover or provide a baseball from his stash after the cover came off mine. We saw a lot less of each other as adults but I remember his house, and any visit with Dave, Carolyn and family, as being warm and delightful. The man left a mark.*

Paul Hill - April 15, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *One Thanksgiving Dave and Carolyn were in Southern California staying with Tim. Danny and I joined them for Thanksgiving dinner. The display of unbelievably delicious food affirmed Dave's skill and love for cooking. Love, Janeen*

Janeen Hill - April 14, 2023 at 06:59 PM