



## Kenneth Rulon Shepherd

March 7, 1924 - June 1, 2013

Kenneth Shepherd, father, son, brother, and friend, passed away after a long and accomplished life June 1, 2013 in Provo, Utah. He was 89 years old.

Even though Ken was a careful planner, in the end, he realized that he couldn't control life's end. An unplanned stroke finally proved that when life is at issue, we aren't necessarily in the driver's seat.

Kenneth was born March 7, 1924 in Paris, Idaho to Rulon Tracey Shepherd and Genevieve Cooley. He was the oldest of four children. Siblings included Arlene Bateman – deceased (Maurice), Doug (Carolee), and David – deceased (Annis). Ken's formative years were spent in Overton, Nevada and Mesa, Arizona. He graduated from Brigham Young University ('47) and went on to get an MBA from Stanford University ('49). He was married on August 17, 1948 to Charlotte Orcella Harris in the LDS Mesa Arizona Temple. During World War II, he served in the United States Air Force and retired as a Major in the USAF Reserves.

Even though Ken spent most of his adult life in California and New Hampshire, Arizona was always in his heart and he returned often to visit family and friends. He loved music and theater and was an accomplished trumpeter. His other loves included stamp collecting, scouting, camping, traveling, BYU sports, and taking his grandchildren to the zoo.

Most of all, Ken loved his family. He was a proud father of 1 daughter and 3 sons: Terry Lynne Turner, Larry (Heidi), Scott, and Charles - deceased (Diane Gardner). He was extremely proud of his 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

While life's end is a gift as it allows others living to reflect on how we want to live and be remembered, Ken's example of family love will be missed.

A viewing will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 7, 2013 at the LDS American Fork 11th Ward, 240 S. Center Street, American Fork, Utah 84003. Memorial services will begin at noon. Interment will be held at the Orem City Cemetery immediately following the services. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a memorial donation be made to either the Autism Society ([www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org)) or American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Orem City Cemetery

1520 N 800 E  
Orem, UT

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (MT)

American Fork 11th Ward  
240 South Center Street  
American Fork, UT

## Service

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (MT)

American Fork 11th Ward  
240 South Center Street  
American Fork, UT

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Rulon Shepherd*

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“ *Ken was our home teacher in the Sunset 8th Ward for several years. We appreciated having him in our home each month. Our warmest wishes to the family.*  
*Dick and Gail Johnson*



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