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Milton D. Hendrickson grew up on a wonderful family farm in Payson, Utah along with five brothers and two sisters. He was a lineman on the 1943 State football championship team at Payson High School. He proudly served as an officer in the Merchant Marine during WWII. He enjoyed a 64 year marriage to his high school sweetheart; Alice May Jolley. His best friend, Glen Bryson married Alice's sister Afton. Our two families remained best friends for life. He has been heartbroken since Alice's passing in 2012.

Milt built a successful gasoline business and retired at 49. He continued to prosper with multiple investments and as a successful entrepreneur into his later years.

A consummate family man, he never lost love or patience with his sometimes wayward children. None of us ever doubted Dad's love and faith in us. We could always depend on his understanding and support.

A man of infinite talents, he excelled in everything he tried: business, sports, family and church. Milt was loved and admired by all who knew him. As a young man, he was an unparalleled fisherman and hunter. His fishing skill was remarkable, but his marksmanship was truly incredible. Later in life, he loved to observe God's various creatures, particularly birds, and nature with her many glories. He never picked up a gun again, but when fishing was slow, he was often caught sneaking a worm on his hook when his fly fisherman sons weren't looking.

He had the eyes of an eagle, constantly tormenting his kids by pointing out objects that none of us could ever quite see. One son had extensive eye surgery and remarked: "Now we'll know if he was lying about all those things only he could see".

Turns out he was not exaggerating. He continued to "visually torment" us well into his 80s. He had a wonderful memory. He would often delight family members with songs and poems from his childhood. He loved to delight his grandchildren by standing on his head. Children loved him and were drawn to him because he always remained a child at heart. He was a devoted member of the LDS church. Throughout his life, he served in numerous capacities including Mission President and Bishop. He loved missionary work, even at eighty eight years of age. He had unshakable faith in BYU sports.

Milt is survived by his children: Janette Tree (Steve), Dale, Diane, David (Cyndy), Brian (Yoshie), and Gary. He was blessed with 19 Grandchildren and numerous Great Grandchildren.

He passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family.

Many thanks to Central Utah Veteran's Home and Salt Lake VA Hospital for their extraordinary care.

We are grateful we have had so many years to enjoy Dad and marvel at his remarkable life. He is irreplaceable. We miss him enormously.

Services will be held at the Crystal Heights Ward, located at 1978 E Stratford Ave, Salt Lake City, Utah, On Friday December 5th, 2014. His viewing will be from 9:30am-10:30am, followed by his funeral at 11:am.

Interment will be at the Wasatch Lawn Cemetery located at 3401 S Highland Dr. Salt Lake City, Utah

Cemetery Details

Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park

3401 S Highland Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84106

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 5. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Crystal Heights Ward
1978 E Stratford Ave
Salt Lake City, UT

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Crystal Heights Ward
1978 E Stratford Ave
Salt Lake City, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ Milton was a great dad to me.....He was always faithful to his LDS faith. Early in the year of his death, he came to visit me in Singapore. I took him to my church (Seventh Day Adventist) and he joined me at s Chinese New Year celebration at my Pastor's home there. We also visited the Singapore LDS church earlier. We took a cruise to Malaysia (Klang + Langkawi island). We also stayed a week at Club Med Bali, Indonesia. He loved walking on the beaches with me, and was always looking for the same kind of coconut that he enjoyed in Biak, Indonesia & other places where he served in the US Navy during World War Two. Always a gentleman and kind father, I was able to bond and get to know this man during those weeks. He loved home grown tomatoes with lots of SALT. Because he raised us on SALT Lake City. Somehow the soy sauce we mostly used did not satisfy his salty appetite.
Thanks, Dad for your greatness and sweetness.

Brian K Hendrickson - October 22, 2023 at 03:23 AM



“ Milton Dale Hendrickson

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM

“ Milton I am sure that anyone that ever knew you would remember you as a soft spoken kind and very loving man. I became good friends with Diane in 1961. We had been in brownies and Girl Scouts together. But when we were in the same 6th grade class together we became close friends. Doing almost everything together. We caught a bus and went downtown to the old Deseret Gym and took swimming lessons together. We were in the same ward together, until Milton was made Bishop and I was left in the old ward. Throughout high school. we hung out a lot at the Hendrickson home. They had a large home, with a swimming pool. In the Summer of 1966 I was invited to go with Milton and Alice, the three younger boys and Diane to San Francisco. It was one of the most fun trips I have ever taken. He, always treated me like one of the family. Always very loving and kind. After high school. Diane and I went to American Beauty College. Spent less time at the Hendrickson home. If it hadn't been for Diane I never would have met my husband of 44 years. A lot of times, I wished my father had been much more like Milton Hendrickson was. In the past two years Diane and I have lost both of our parents. It leaves you with a heavy heart knowing they are gone. But we know they are in a better place right now. Even though my parents were members of the church, they never were sealed in the Temple. So I have that responsibility to take care of them. I do wish they had been more like the Hendrickson's. I know your family loves you very much and that you will be missed by everyone that ever knew You.

Bonnie Spence Johns

Bonnie Spence Johns - December 05, 2014 at 06:54 PM