



James Richard Summers

July 17, 1927 - July 24, 2013

James R. Summers, 86, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2013, in St. George, UT. He was born in Auburn, IN, on July 17, 1927, to Chessman Michener Summers and Pauline Boren Summers. He Married LaVerne Fischer on September 30, 1950, in Blue Island, IL.

His earliest employment was working on race cars from dirt care midgets to the elite class of Indy racers. His next full time job was constructing airplane engines for Ford Aircraft. His final career position was with Argonne National Laboratories -University of Chicago as a Metallurgist until his retirement in 1991.

After his retirement Jim and LaVerne moved to St. George, UT, in the fall of 1991. He became active in the Dixie Masonic Social Club and began working with other Masons in the area to create a Masonic Lodge in St. George.

Because of his efforts, St. George Lodge No. 33 was chartered in 1994 and he became one of its charter members. He served as Worshipful Master in 1995, 1996, and 2003. One of his greatest Masonic accomplishments was to make all arrangements for a cornerstone laying ceremony at the St. George Convention Center in 1997.

He is survived by: his wife LaVerne; a brother Jack; son Craig (Geniel Yamasaki) and three grandsons, Cohen, Ethan and Landon.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 3, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 611 N 2450 E., St. George, UT, with Reverend Dr. Ralph R. Clingan Min. officiating.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sarah Wu, Dr. Goodger, Cindy Epsler RN and the entire staff at Dixie Regional Medical Center. Our heartfelt thanks to Kolob Care and Rehab and to Alpha Hospice Care for all their compassion and loving care.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SereniCareofStGeorge.com Arrangements are under the direction of SereniCare Funeral Home, St. George, 986-2085.