



## Ralph James Eddington

January 12, 1932 - April 15, 2017

St. George, Utah – Ralph James Eddington passed away April 15, 2017 of natural causes with his bride and family at his side. He was born January 12, 1932 in Evanston Wyoming to Frank Eddington and Eva Newland. He was raised in the Salt Lake Valley. While preparing for an LDS mission, he was drafted into Korean War, started a family and embarked upon a 28 year military career. He was stationed in Colorado, New York, Japan, and several other states. He left the Air Force, and after spending a year in Kodiak Alaska, he settled with his family in San Jose area. He worked at Lockheed Martin Missile and Space Company providing satellite support to virtually every space shuttle mission. He continued service in the Air Force reserve and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant.

He was a loving and caring family man, who for many years worked two full time jobs for years to provide for his family of ten children, and various nieces and nephews as well. His favorite past time was being with his family. He loved the outdoors, family gatherings and road trips. After retiring, he and his wife Rose served two LDS missions in Thousand Oaks, CA and Port Orchard WA where they settled before moving to St. George.

He is survived by his wife Rose (Phillips) Eddington; brother Darrell Eddington (Helen) and 10 children Tamara L. Brown (Larry), Cindy D. Villanueva, Kathleen R. Smiley, Steven E Smiley (Sara), David W. Smiley (Alyson), Ralph

(Jim) Eddington (Terry), Julie L. Gilpin (Roy), Sandra S. Becker (Paul), Sheri S. Witten (Drew), and Demaree R. Mayhew;. 35 grandchildren; and 31 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his parents, brother Delbert Eddington and his sister Carol Petit

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 22 with an 11:30am viewing and 1 pm Service at the LDS Chapel at 4461 South Country Club Drive, St. George; followed by 3 pm military honor and dedication at Tonaquint Cemetery, 1777 South Dixie Drive. All are invited to celebrate his life with his family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was a kind and gentle man. He was a good friend and brother in the gospel. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rose and your family at this time.

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**Larry Carter** - April 19, 2017 at 12:53 PM