



## Richard Durrell Hatfield

October 14, 1926 - December 12, 2018

Richard Durrell Hatfield of St George, Utah, Park City, Utah, and Peoria, Illinois, passed away this Wednesday, December 12th. He is survived by his wife Joan (Johnson) Hatfield and their four children Brent Hatfield (Amy) of Maumelle, AR, Brad Hatfield (Sandra) of Littleton, CO, Brian Hatfield (Laura) of Charlotte, NC, and Michele Lowe (Mike) of Metamora, IL. His surviving grandchildren who were all dear to his heart are Adian, Casey, Joshua, Justin, Julia and Ryan.

Services to celebrate his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 15th, at Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 1316 S. 400 E., St. George, UT.

Richard served in the Navy during World War II on a destroyer in the Pacific Ocean theatre. After Richard and Joan were married on August 2, 1952, they settled in Peoria, Ill, where he worked in finance at Caterpillar Tractor Company. He and his family relocated to Geneva, Switzerland, where they resided for 6 years, and then they relocated to Grenoble, France, where he took the position of Secretary General for Caterpillar France (an organization what was responsible for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa).

During their time in Geneva and Grenoble, they made many deep and lasting friendships with colleagues and local neighbors, and these friendships lasted

through their lifetimes. Although his profession was serious, his children remember them having out of the ordinary festive occasions in order to meet neighbors and develop friendships. In particular, in Grenoble, they remember a party where they invited local French neighbors (strangers at the time) to come over and dress as “hippies” complete with men wearing long haired wigs, dressed in flowered shirts, etc. Something like that had never been done before, and the neighbors were perplexed but intrigued enough to show up in costume and see what the crazy new Americans were doing. Friendships were formed, and most lasted for a lifetime, with many visits back to France, and friends visiting the USA.

At one point during his career he was asked what his most significant achievement was, and he said that it was that “he raised a family where his four children loved each other and continued to be in contact”. Indeed, that is Richard and Joan Hatfield’s lasting legacy.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 15. 11:00 AM (MT)

Serenity Funeral Home  
1316 South 400 East A-5  
Saint George, UT 84790  
<http://www.serenitystg.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Kenneth Harrell lit a candle in memory of Richard Durrell Hatfield*



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**Kenneth Harrell** - December 14, 2018 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Tim Ternes lit a candle in memory of Richard Durrell Hatfield*



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**Tim Ternes** - December 14, 2018 at 10:51 AM

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“ *My uncle was a good man. He stepped in when his brother Walter passed in 1999. He helped me through that difficult time and stepped in helped out with alot of financial things. Our family hadn't been that close before this. But because of it, uncle Dick and aunt Joan, my brother George and I became close and really got to spend sometime together. He got to know my children Raychelle and Chris. I saw them in June of this year when I went to Utah and so happy I did. I'll miss you my uncle. Rip and say hi to all that went before you. They're waiting there in heaven with open arms to welcome you home. We love you.*

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**Cheri** - December 13, 2018 at 01:51 PM