

# OBITUARY

## Gordon Howard Christensen

**Birth: Mar. 21, 1924**

**Death: Aug. 17, 2004**

Gordon Howard Christensen was born March 21, 1924 a son of Christian Mathias and Edith Davis Christensen. Chris married his sweetheart Claralynn (Carrie) Hurlbut Nov. 14, 1947. He passed away August 17, 2004 in the arms of his loving wife, peacefully in his own bed. Graduated from East High School. He was ordained a Seventy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He served in the armed forces from 1942 to 1945. He was proud to have landed on Utah Beach. He was in a division of military intelligence helping liberate occupied France and Germany. He considered his military education one of the best experiences of his life.

Challenger Airlines hired Chris as a treasurer after the war while he attended the University of Utah, graduating with high honors in Business as a CPA. He also achieved a specialty degree at Michigan University. Chris was proud to have served as an Appellate Court Conferee with the IRS, where he traveled extensively teaching specialty tax conferences. During the years of raising his family and working a 40 hour week, he taught accounting at the University of Utah as well as attending the "U" Law School. Sleep was a low priority.

In his spare time he built and owned over 100 apartment units at the Conquistador Business Complex. He was excited to extend himself into other aspects of business, building numerous office buildings and transmissions shops, as well as venturing into the Taco Time franchises in Salt Lake and Colorado.

Chris, affectionately known as "Big Pop" was well loved and always had a story to tell ending with a joke to make you laugh. Survived by wife Carrie; his sons, Dr. Frank H. Christensen M.D.P.C. (Dianne), Dr. Craig M. Christensen D.D.S. (Vicki); daughters Gail C. McNeil, Kim G. Jackson (Jack); eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren with one on the way; brother Gerald N. Christensen (Lorna). Memorial services held Mon. Aug 23, 2004 at Larkin Sunset Lawn Mortuary, 2350 E. 1300 S.

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