

RULON FERRIS COLLETT OBITUARY
(grandson of Adelbert and Penelope Goodrich Collett)

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R. Ferris Collett a gentle, sweet husband, father and grandpa passed away April 12, 2007.

Ferris was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 9, 1933 to Rulon Samuel Collett and Lousha Thompson Collett. After his mother's early death he was raised by his paternal grandparents Adelbert and Penelope Collett in Kaysville, Utah. He graduated from the University of Utah and received his naval commission. He subsequently became a pilot with the U.S. Navy and flew carrier based single engine Skyhawks.

Ferris married his "honeybun" Gerri Holbrook on June 7, 1955. Together they raised three children: Jeffrey, Cameron and Jacqueline. Ferris was an amazing entrepreneur owning and founding Freight Outlet stores, Collett's Furniture, Action T.V. and Winshields Express in Colorado. He was a fair and compassionate employer. He was an avid golfer and member of Oakridge Country Club for many years. He loved the desert most of all taking long hikes through the endless canyons and mysterious landscapes of Southern Utah where he felt at home.

Some of his greatest memories were of Lake Powell with family and friends. He also had a special spot in his heart for Alaska and his adventures there in the mining business. For the past many years Ferris has been incapacitated with early onset Alzheimer's Disease. Until the past year and a half his loving wife Gerri cared for him in their Holladay home. Ferris will be long remembered and respected for his uncompromised integrity, positive thinking, kindness and sense of humor. He was always a gentleman.

Ferris is survived by his wife, Gerri; sons, Jeffrey Collett, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Cameron Collett (Barb) of Marietta, Ohio, Daughter, Jacqueline Zuro (Mark), Salt Lake City and 11 grandchildren; Chalane, Reuben, Camille and Max Collett; Carson, Samantha, Nathan, and Benjamin Zuro; Clair, Julia and Olivia Collett; and one great-grandson, Brecken Keate, and an adored brother, Don Collett.

Many thanks to Heidi, Terry and the staff at Evergreen Nursing home for their upbeat and loving care in his waning months and a special note of gratitude to Nau Masiva for the care and friendship she extended to Ferris and his family. He was preceded in death by his sisters Jacqueline and Shirley.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Chapel, 3401 South Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT, where a visitation will be held from 12:45 to 1:45 pm prior to the services. Condolences may be sent to the family at: www.mem.com.

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