



## Clarence Romans

August 25, 1923 - February 17, 2015

Clarence O. Romans, 91, passed away on February 17, 2015 in Provo, Utah. He was cheerful and kind his entire life. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, his children, Greg Romans (Suzie), Nancy Turley (Wayne), Susan Rhoades (Clyde), Cynthia Mattson (Rand), Phyllis Rosen (Dave), and a nephew Marc Mason (Mary Ann).

Clarence was born in Nebraska in 1923, the youngest of 11 children. He had many jobs as a young boy and learned to work hard. After graduating from HS, he attended the University of Nebraska until he joined the Navy. Clarence served as a navy pilot during WWII. During his training, he was stationed in Prescott, AZ, where he met Kathryn Bates. They were married in 1945. Following his military service, they settled in Arnold, Nebraska, where they raised their family. In 1994 they moved to Mesa, AZ where they enjoyed the warm weather for 21 years. In 2015 they moved to Provo, Utah.

Clarence was a successful businessman in several areas. He owned an International Harvester farm implement dealership and a lumberyard for many years. During that time he also owned trucks and hauled grain and livestock for the farmers in the area. He later increased his trucking business by contracting to haul the mail from Denver to Omaha, as well as some smaller mail runs in Nebraska. Clarence loved cars and driving, and consequently spent several years transporting cars from Detroit to Arnold for his long-time friend and car dealer. He and Kathryn put thousands of miles on their vans as they did this together.

From 1992-1993 Clarence and Kathryn served a mission in Eugene, Oregon. They enjoyed helping out with the office, the cars, and the missionaries and made many lifelong friends there.

Later, in AZ, they served in the Mesa Temple for 8 years. During these later years Clarence was still busy. He built many items of furniture for their home, refinished pianos, and even restored a 1951 Super A Farmall Tractor during his 90th year! His ability to fix things was widely recognized.

Clarence Romans was loved by those who knew him for his generosity, his hard work ethic, his dedication to family and church, his pancakes, and his sense of humor. He spent many happy moments playing games with his kids and having fun with neighbors and friends. He will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services for Clarence will be held Saturday, February 21st, at 11:00 am, at the Edgewood Ward, 3511 North 180 East, Provo, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Interment in Orem City Cemetery, 1520 North 800 East, Orem, Utah.

# Cemetery

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## Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT, 84097

# Events

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**FEB 21** **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Edgewood Ward

3511 North 180 East, Provo, UT, US

**FEB 21** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Edgewood Ward

3511 North 180 East, Provo, UT, US

# Comments

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**Suzie Romans** - March 02, 2015 at 11:13 PM

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“ I grew up in Nebraska and went to church with Clarence and Kathryn. I remember them as cheerful, generous, and always involved in doing good. As a teenager, after they had done a particularly generous thing for me, I asked Sister Romans how I could ever repay them for their goodness to me. She replied, "Help someone when you have the chance, and that will be repayment enough." At 18 years old, I took that to heart. It has been a blessing to pattern my life after the Romans, and each time I can help someone else, I think of them. I cannot adequately express my love for them, and I honor them for their Christlike love and examples.

**Jessie Guidry** - February 21, 2015 at 11:28 AM

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“ It was always fun to be around Uncle Clarence. Because they lived in Nebraska it wasn't as often as I would have liked. When he retired and moved to Mesa we were able to see him more often. Clarence and Kathryn were always supportive and welcoming. I remember when we went to one of Brent Billingsley's baseball games in the Phoenix area. They were giving away baseballs in-between innings. He won a baseball signed by one of the Yankees after they had won the world series the season before. When he looked at the name on the ball he did not recognize him. He asked us if the guy was any good. We all told him the player was a bum and he should give the ball to one of us. He said he didn't know who Derek Jeter was but by our reaction he thought he would keep it. Clarence is a good man and will be missed by many.

Love,  
Laron and Shirley Billingsley and Family.

**Laron Billingsley** - February 18, 2015 at 08:31 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Grandpa's tractor



Melissa Romans - February 18, 2015 at 03:23 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Ruth Romans-Chrisp memories



Kent A. Chrisp - February 18, 2015 at 12:49 PM



“ Love seeing this picture! Did that plane really fly? Looks a little scary.

Phyllis Rosen - February 18, 2015 at 01:58 PM

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“ Neice Ruth Romans Chrisp: I remember my father trying to talk him out of being an airplane pilot that would land on an aircraft carrier. Robert told him you may come back from a mission and the ship might not be there. C.O.served and we were all very proud of him. After service, Clarence and Katherine came to Arnold where they lived with Grandma Romans briefly, then in a sod house close to Pleasant Hill School east of town and then 3 mile further east into a farm house that Robert owned. After moving back into Arnold. Clarence purchased a Lumber yard and an International Harvester dealership. I enjoyed at least 10 trips to Detroit on their famous auto buying ventures. Kathryn packed lunches that were better than eating in a restaurant. I enjoyed living close to Clarence to Kathryn in Arnold. They included me in many outings and relatives visits to their house. They were there for me during the good times and bad. I appreciated their presents at my divorce hearing and they called on me frequently during a back injury and 2 sets of broken ribs. Clarence and Kathryn were in Arnold 45 of the 60 years that I lived there. I can truly say that they are the Romans that I had the pleasure of knowing the best.

Ruth Chrisp - February 18, 2015 at 12:41 PM

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“ 22 files added to the album Phyllis's memories



Phyllis Rosen - February 17, 2015 at 08:41 PM