



## Neil Pettys

July 18, 1931 - January 14, 2019

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to our friend and companion Neil Pettys who passed away peacefully at home on Jan 14, 2019. It is with joy that we remember the beloved part he played in our lives. Neil was born July 18, 1931 to Roy and Zetta (Magers) Pettys in Longview, WA and graduated from the historic R. A. Long High School in 1950. It was during this time that he met his sweetheart Patricia Swallow and was married in 1952. Together, Neil and Pat raised two sons, Greg (Lisa) Pettys and Gary Pettys. Although Neil's life was too often punctuated with the untimely passing of his two sons and wife, he courageously endured these difficulties and is now reunited with them once again.

Neil served honorably in the US Navy Reserve from 1949 – 1957 and was employed for many years at International Paper. During his life he was a meticulous record keeper, avid golfer, and a trusted friend to many. Nevertheless, his priorities focused on caring for his family and delighting in their many accomplishments. Neil was always understanding and supportive of his family's participation in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Neil will be remembered for his gentle nature and his sense of humor and smiley eyes. We will all remember being drawn into his warmth by his charisma and memorable laugh and will miss him dearly. Neil and Pat loved to dance and travel together, particularly enjoying cruises and visiting Hawaii. He was a longtime resident of Vancouver, WA and lived in the area until after the death of Pat in 2015 when he relocated to American Fork, UT. It was there that he met Bonnie Smith with whom he married and spent the last years of his life happily together.

Neil is survived by grandchildren Mark (Brooke) Pettys, Angela (Rocky) Howell, and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his recent wife Bonnie and will be remembered by her children and grandchildren. Neil was sadly preceded in death by his wife Pat, their two sons, and his parents and 5 siblings.

Family and friends may gather for a Memorial Service to be held at Eastlawn Memorial

Hills, 4800 N. 650 E., Provo, Utah on Saturday January 19, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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## East Lawn Memorial Hills

4800 North 650 East

Provo, UT, 84604

# Events

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**JAN** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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