



Alvin Henry Larsen, Ph.D., P.E. 1939-2004. Alvin H. Larsen, born June 22nd, 1939 in Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away quietly in his sleep on June 23rd, 2004, following 65 years of exemplary living and 37 years of marriage to Sharon Leila Branch. He graduated from the University of Utah with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering (cum laude) and a B.A. in Physics (1965). He graduated from the California Institute of Technology with a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry (1969). He worked for Monsanto Chemical Company, and its subsidiary Solutia, Inc., at their world headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri, retiring in 2002 after 35 years of service. He subsequently served as Adjunct Professor of Chemical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis.

During his long and distinguished career, he served as president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) of which he was a member for 35 years. He served on the founding committee of the Design Institute for Physical Property Data (DIPPR), and served as its chairman from 1977-1978. He published over 150 technical papers, seminars, and presentations; and he traveled to over 100 universities worldwide. In addition, he was a member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) for 32 years.

He was an active member of, and gave a lifetime of service to, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His various callings included full-time missionary service in the France Paris Mission (1959-1962), Stake Clerk, Ward Clerk, Ward Executive Secretary, Stake Music Chairman, Choir Director, Ward Organist, Gospel Doctrine Instructor, High Priest Group Leader, Temple Ordinance Worker, and Assistant Recorder at the St. Louis LDS Temple. He also served his country as a US Army Reservist, including active duty at Fort Ord, California in 1957.

An avid organist and pianist, he passed his love of music on to his children. For 18 years, he played a key role as a cast member, housing director, and historian for the City of Joseph pageant (the 2nd largest outdoor musical in America) in Nauvoo, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Victor Larsen of Salt Lake City, Utah. He is survived by his wife Sharon of St. Louis, Missouri; mother Marie of Salt Lake City, Utah; son Reed (Lori) Larsen of Bluffdale, Utah; son Adrian (Tausha) Larsen of Boise, Idaho; daughter Cherry Ann (Phillip) Redd of Kansas City, Missouri; son E. Kimball (Christine) Larsen of Riverton, Utah; son Cameron (Annette) Larsen of Buena Vista, Virginia; and daughter Katrina Larsen, currently serving in the Russia Rostov LDS mission; and 11 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Frontenac, Missouri on Friday, July 2nd, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel at 10445 West Clayton Rd., 63131. Funeral services were previously held in Salt Lake City, Utah at Garner Funeral Home. Interment was at the Salt Lake Mausoleum. Expressions of sympathy may be addressed to Sharon Larsen, 1480 Chandellay Dr., St. Louis, Missouri, 63146.