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Charles Burdell Merrell, of Orem, passed away peacefully on August 22, 2011. Burdell was born March 5, 1928 to Vern and Katheryn Merrell in Miami, Arizona.

As a young man Burdell was called to serve in the Central States Mission where he met his future wife, Nyal Andrus. They were married March 16, 1951 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Immediately following, he was called to serve in the Army and was sent to Salzburg, Austria where Nyal soon followed. He returned to Utah after military service and entered BYU. After receiving his Masters degree he was recruited to the CIA, and the family moved to Virginia. He worked for the "Company" for 23 years, which included assignments that took him and his family to South America for six years. Burdell served his community and church in many capacities; including PTA President, seminary teacher, Bishop of the Falls Church Ward and others. After retirement, he moved back to Orem, Utah and pursued a nursing career at Utah Valley Hospital.

Burdell was preceded in death by his son Kevin Merrell and three siblings: Nelda Harmon, Dan Merrell and Melvin Merrell. He is survived by his wife Nyal, his siblings: Florine Whiting, Carl Merrell and Barbara Stephenson, his children: Durk (Joan) Merrell, Jacki (Chad) Neibaur, Kendra (Ralph) Scoresby, Blair (Elizabeth) Merrell, Stuart Merrell, Quinn (Lachell) Merrell and Barry (Annette) Merrell.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:00 am in the Lakeridge 4th Ward Chapel, 158 East 1100 South, Orem. Friends and family may call Thursday 6-8 pm at the Sundberg-Olpin Mortuary, 495 South State Street, Orem and 9:30-10:30 at the chapel before the funeral. Interment will be in the Orem City Cemetery