

## **Robert M. Graham**

A native son of Sanpete County, Robert "Bob" Graham graduated from Snow College in 1950, following a family tradition that began with his mother and aunts who also attended Snow. Bob's work ethic, character and strong belief in the value of education began early in his life, both in his hometown of Fairview, where his mother was a much-beloved first grade teacher, and later at North Sanpete High School in Mt. Pleasant.

While at Snow College, Bob took an active role in student government and on the track team. But as he tells it, his real success on campus was meeting his future wife, Joyce Sorensen, with whom he would share a "perfect" marriage! Their 60 years together were enriched by community and church service, extensive travel worldwide, three daughters and their families that now include 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Following his Snow College graduation, a mission for his church and military service, Bob once again focused on his education, earning a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a law degree from the University of Utah. With those qualifications in hand, he would go on to a successful 28-year career as a tax partner with Haskins & Sells (now Deloitte and Touche), beginning in San Francisco and later in Salt Lake City. In both communities, Bob became a trusted tax advisor to civic and business leaders alike, including First Security Corporation CEO George S. Eccles.

When exciting new opportunities presented themselves in the late 1980s, Bob joined the law firm of Ray, Quinney & Nebeker and the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation. Today, as a member of the Eccles Foundation Board of Directors, he continues to play a vital role in directing the foundation's extraordinary philanthropic support throughout Utah, including its generous funding for projects at Snow College and throughout Sanpete County.

During a career that now spans almost six decades, Bob has also served his community with leadership roles on several boards, including Deseret Book, Primary Children's Medical Center, the Governor's Tax Review Commission, and as president of the Salt Lake Rotary Club. He would be the first to tell you, however, that nothing has meant more to him than the roles he has cherished most: husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Robert Graham has continued to excel in every aspect of his life since those formative years he spent in Sanpete County, Utah. His achievements – and the positive impact he makes in the lives of others – not only bring honor and distinction to Snow College, but also create a legacy that will continue to benefit his fellow alumni and the people of Utah throughout the generations to come.