

# Obituary

## Dale L. Arave, 80



Dale Lyman Arave, 80, passed away July 14, 2010 at his home in Blackfoot, Idaho from complications of cancer. He was born September 13, 1929, in Jameston, Bingham County, Idaho, at the home of his parents, Lyman Alma and Mary Louise Anderson Arave. Dale was the oldest child of ten.

Dale graduated from Salmon High School in Salmon, Idaho in 1946 and later attended Utah State University, pursuing a degree in accounting. For many years he worked with his family in livestock and ranching pursuits. In the early 1960s he moved his family to Idaho Falls, Idaho where he began his career as a General Contractor and Real Estate Developer. In 1979 he was elected to the Bingham County Board of Commissioners and remained in that office for 18 years, retiring in January 1997.

He married his high school sweetheart, Colleen Whiting in 1948. Dale and Colleen have always been active members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and made it an integral part of their entire life. Dale has served in many callings in the church including: Elder's Quorum President, Bishop's Counselor, Bishop, High Council, and Temple Officiator.

In February of 1997 Dale and Colleen were called to serve a full-time mission to Papua, New Guinea and then to Southern Australia where they completed an 18 month mission. Upon their return in July of 1998 they were called in August of 1998 to oversee the construction of the Birmingham, Alabama Temple. After returning from that mission in the fall of 2000 they were called to work in the Idaho Fall Temple until the fall of 2009.

Even though his full-time profession was in the construction business he enjoyed working with horses and rodeoing and cow cutting. Some of his honors include: All-Around Cowboy in British Columbia, Canada in 1958 and later in life he trained and participated in many cow cutting competitions throughout the intermountain west where he won several awards. He was inducted into the Idaho Horseman Hall of Fame in 2009. Dale will always be remembered for his love of his horses. He was an expert trainer and loved to spend countless hours doing this. He was training horses up until his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in September 2009. Dale once stated that he was a "Jack-of-All-Trades, Master- of- None."

Dale is survived by his wife Colleen of 62 years; four sons, Gordon (Kathy); Tom (Pat); Brent; and Julio (Kathy) Talamantes (a former missionary companion of his son Tom, who later joined with his family) all of Blackfoot; two daughters, Janet (Eric) Aikele of Moore and Kim (Paul) Wolfley of Blackfoot. He is also survived by 27 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren; brothers, Ralph (Verla), Neal (Karen) and Larry (Kari); sisters, Mae Kirkendall, Christine (Ron) Wheeler and LaRae (Floyd) Rammell.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lyman and Louise Arave; three brothers, Fred, Keith and Gary; two grandchildren, Kris and Andrew Aikele and one great grandchild, Kaiden Nelson.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Blackfoot LDS Stake Center, 1650 Highland Drive with Bishop Darrell Lewis conducting. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 5 to 8 p.m. at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., and again from 9 to 10:30 a.m. prior to services on Monday at the church. Interment will be in the Grove City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family request memorial contributions be made to the LDS Church Perpetual Education Fund.

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