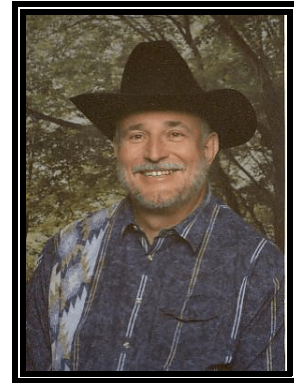


Obituary

William “Bill” George Blenkle, 67



William “Bill” George Blenkle, 67, of Blackfoot, passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2009 at his home.

Bill was born July 8, 1941 to Marcus and Sophie Blenkle in Pocatello, Idaho.

Bill loved education and had many degrees. He was commander of many nuclear submarines, and was able to travel extensively with the Navy. He retired with honors as a Commander in the United States Navy, after serving for 30 years. After his retirement, he made Blackfoot, Idaho his home.

Bill was a member of the Catholic Church. He was active in the American Legion 1416, the Arabian Horse Association, the Moose Lodge and various other education fraternities.

He is survived by his son, David (Laurel LeBaron) Blenkle of California; daughters, Martine Baum of New York, Sarah Ashby of Arizona, Shanna Zimmerman of Iowa and Samantha Pierce of California; sisters, Pauline Schenkelberg of Vancouver, Washington and Martha (John) Stanley of Blue Island, Illinois; and three grandchildren.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bernard and Herbert; and sisters, Catherine Cornwall and Marguerite Templeton.

Bill will be buried at sea with full military honors in San Diego, California at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home.