

## Obituary

### John Thomas Clark, 84



John Thomas Clark known among his friends as “John”, “Tom”, “Johnny” and “J.T.” to his railroad buddies, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2011 at his home after a short illness with a cancerous brain tumor.

He was born October 16, 1926 in Moreland, Idaho to Harold Adams and Mary Edna Bunn Clark joining his older sister, Jeanne Siddoway, brother, Keith Harold Clark and later a younger sister Audrey Randall.

Tom grew up in Moreland, where he played with many neighborhood friends. He attended 12 years of school in the old yellow brick schoolhouse. After graduating from high school in 1944 he worked for area farms until he turned 18. He was drafted into the Army and left to serve his country December 26, 1944. His company was the first sent to the devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki areas.

When Tom returned, he enrolled at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho followed by two additional years at Utah State in Logan, Utah in the livestock and agricultural program.

On May 27, 1950 Tom married Harriet Driscoll. They have resided in Moreland for the past 60 years. In 1953 he was hired by the Union Pacific Railroad as a switchman and later as a conductor/brakeman. After 37 years of work on the railroad, he retired and spent the rest of his life fulfilling his dream of having a ranch and livestock. The Clark family has many fond memories of gathering for the spring and fall cattle drives. With modern equipment and the help of his son, Jack, Tom was able to care for his farm and animals until two months prior to his death.

Tom is survived by his wife, Harriet Driscoll Clark; his son, Jack Thomas (Merle) Clark of Riverside, Idaho; his daughters, Janice (John) Zabriskie of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Marta Viera of Antioch, California; nine grandchildren, Ace Clark, Misty Finlinson, Cole Clark, Eden Summers, Sage Clark, Adam Zabriskie, Sandy Oveson, Ott Clark and Zena Zabriskie; and four great grandchildren; sister, Jeanne Siddoway.

Tom is preceded in death by his parents, Harold Adams Clark and Mary Edna Bunn Clark; brother, Keith Clark; sister, Audrey Randall; and his son, Tracy Clark.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Moreland LDS Chapel, 740 W. 175 N. in Blackfoot, with Bishop Keith Keller conducting. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot and again for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be in the Moreland Cemetery where military honors will be provided by the Stewart Hoover Post #23 of the American Legion. Condolences can be sent to the family at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).