

## Obituary

### John Ellis Cornia, 91



John Ellis Cornia, better known as ‘Jack’ passed away peacefully at home on August 17, 2011 at the age of 91. He was born to Melvin and Catherine Cornia on March 2, 1920 in Thomas, ID. Jack spent most of his life living in Bingham County with a short stint working at the Bremerton, WA shipyards and three years in the Army during WWII.

He attended school in Thomas and graduated from Thomas High School as Salutatorian in 1938.

Jack met the love of his life June Rowbury at the Bon-Ton Dance Hall and was married to her in the Salt Lake City Temple on April 23, 1941. In April of this year the family surprised the couple with a 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party.

Jack & June raised four children and a granddaughter; Bud (passed away in 1976), Judy Ann Smullin of Blackfoot, Steve (Marilyn) Cornia of Salt Lake City, Barbara Munson of Blackfoot and granddaughter Angie (Dan) Marek of Tacoma, WA. They have nine grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Jack was raised with 4 brothers Les, Paul, Russell, Dean (Lona) and two sisters Faye Sponbauer and Betty Olson, He is survived by Dean and Betty.

Jack retired as a welder from the INL Site after 27 years, was a licensed pilot and after retirement, drove school bus for Snake River School District.

He was respected and loved by many; considered as a dad, grandpa and/or friend. Jack loved his family, friends and life. He treated everyone fairly and expected them to do the same. Over the years there were many great times spent hunting, fishing, camping, family reunions and so much more with his family. Jack & June belonged to the Twilight Twirlers Square Dance Club for quite a few years and through that developed some great friendships.

The family would like to thank all of the friends, family and medical staff who have been so supportive. A special thanks goes to Kara, Toni, Darcy Courtney, Cree, Miranda and Kurt from Creekside Hospice for their loving care.

There will be a viewing at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot on Friday, August 19, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. His service will be on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at the Riverside 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward LDS Chapel at 3:00 pm with a viewing one hour prior to services. Jack will be laid to rest at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery where final military rites will be presented by the American Legion Stewart Hoover Post #23. Condolences may be sent to the family at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).