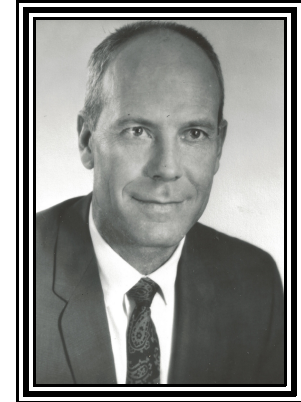


Obituary

Lowell Anderson Dance, 85



Lowell A. Dance, former Bingham County Assessor and former judge for the State of Idaho Ad Valorem Tax Court of Appeals, died in his sleep January 1, 2012.

He was born on February 18, 1926 at Thomas, Idaho, the son of William Dance and Mary Anderson Dance. He attended Wilson Grade School, Moreland High School and Ricks College. His education at Ricks College was interrupted by World War II. He entered the United States Army in 1944. After heavy artillery and radio repair training, he served in the 985th Signal Service Company in Italy during the closing months of the war.

Three weeks after returning from Europe, he married his sweetheart Vaudis Carter, June 6, 1946 in the Salt Lake (Utah) Temple. He farmed in Thomas, Sterling, and Springfield, with his father and brother Gareth. Following his father's death in 1953, Lowell sold the Springfield farm and purchased a farm near Caldwell, Idaho, where he farmed in the summer and carpentered in the winter until returning to Blackfoot in 1962. In Caldwell, he helped build the Middleton (Idaho) Ward building and many houses in the Boise area.

During 1962-63, Lowell and Vaudis built a home in Blackfoot. He continued as a carpenter until running for Bingham County Assessor in 1970. Successfully defeating the incumbent, as assessor he directed installation of the first electronic property database for Bingham County. The Idaho Tax Commission, recognizing this pioneering effort, hired him in 1973 to serve as property tax supervisor for South East Idaho, where he coordinated the efforts of assessors in many counties.

He was active in the LDS Church and served in many capacities. Some memorable positions included physical facilities representative the South Blackfoot Stake and LDS institutional representative to the Boy Scouts of America. The latter assignment resulted in his work as District Chairman of the Tendoy Council, BSA.

Following retirement, he was appointed by Governor Cecil Andrus as judge for the State of Idaho Ad Valorem Tax Court of Appeals. He built several more houses, including their present home on South Street and their cabin in Island Park.

He is survived by Vaudis, his wife of 65 years; sons, Daren (Ellen) of Brigham City, Utah, Blair (Laurie) of Ashton, Idaho and Claye (RaKay) of Queen Creek, Arizona; 24 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sisters, Ingrid, Deone, and Marna; and two brothers, Von and Gareth.

Funeral services will be at 11 am on Friday, January 6, 2012 at the Blackfoot 2nd Ward Building, 660 Teton Drive in Blackfoot. The family will meet with friends and relatives Thursday, January 5, 2012 between 7:00 and 8:00 pm at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and from 10 a.m. until time of service at the Blackfoot 2nd Ward. Burial will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.