

Obituary

Raymond Jay Dawson, 65

Raymond Jay Dawson, 65, of Rigby, passed away January 8, 2009, at 5:35 a.m. surrounded by his loving family.

Ray was born June 8, 1943 to Glenn and Mabel Dawson, second of five children.

He graduated from Snake River High School and attended Utah State University. During his life, Ray moved many times, but everywhere he lived he saw opportunities to make new friends.

Ray met his sweetheart Bonnie Pearl Murdock in seventh grade and later married her, after serving a faithful LDS mission to California. Ray and Bonnie were married in the Idaho Falls Temple on September 18, 1964.

He worked in many different occupational fields, but his favorite love was farming, ranching and animals.

Ray was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He served faithfully in many callings, including the Bishopric, High Priest Group Leader, Stake Missionary, Stake Family History Consultant, and many, many levels of scouting, which he loved.

Ray loved people, horses, scouting, a good western book or movie, family history, dutch oven cooking and being with his family, while continually setting an example of testimony, integrity and righteous living. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him.

Ray is survived by his wife, Bonnie; eight sons, Darin (Gina) Dawson, Brett (Susie) Dawson, Corey (Adrienne) Dawson, Glenn (Amy) Dawson, Thayne (Kiama) Dawson, Raylon Dawson, Dalin Dawson, Derek (Mary) Dawson, and three daughters, Ramona (Curtis) Miller, Sheri (Trent) Beebe, and Raylene (Scott) Job; his brother, Merle (JoAnn) Dawson; sisters, Louise (Ronnie) Crow and Ellen (Rick) Thompson; and 31 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Glenna Jean

Funeral Services will be held Monday, January 12, 2009 at the Garfield Church House, 71 N. 3200 E. in Rigby at 11:00 a.m. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and again prior to services on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Garfield Church House. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Raymond Dawson Memorial Fund, at Wells Fargo Bank to help with funeral expenses.

Interment will be held 3:00 p.m., January 12, 2009 at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.

