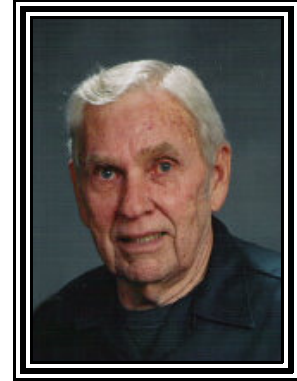


Obituary

Kenneth W. Ditto, 72



Ken Ditto, 72, long time resident of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away at home on Monday, February 21, 2011 with his family by his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Clovis, New Mexico on March 26, 1938 to Frank and Nina Mae Ditto. He graduated from Clovis High School in 1956, then went to work for Santa Fe Railroad from 1956-1958. He served in the US Navy Submarine Fleet from 1958-1978 where he operated Nuclear Submarines in Communications/ET. He retired as E8-Senior Chief. He married Ruby Koomana Kekua, in Honolulu, HI on November 27, 1963. After his years of armed service, he moved the family to Blackfoot where he spent the next 15 years at INEL as a reactor operator, taking early retirement in 1993 to enjoy his family.

He loved to hike and spend time in the mountains, reading and spending time with his family. He was a lifetime member of the Hawkbill Base, United States Submarine Veterans.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Ruby K Ditto. Daughters: Rose Jones (Rick Miller) of Blackfoot, ID, Renee (Lee) Criswell of Kennewick, WA, Lani (David) Scott of Blackfoot, ID, and Carol (Rickey) Rogers of Calhoun, GA. Sons: Brian (Becky) Ditto of Philomath, OR, Barry (Mishel) Ditto of Moses Lake, WA and Carl Cantrell of Kingston, GA. He leaves behind sisters Frankie Bernice Trelikes of Chulavista, CA and Nina Jo Apley of Farmersville, TX, 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother Nina Mae Ditto, father Frank Ditto, brother William Ronald Ditto, great-grand daughter Malia Anjalic Tran and his best friend Jay Taylor formerly of Pocatello, ID.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Hawker Funeral home in Blackfoot with military honors presented by American Legion Stewart Hoover Post #23.

The family will meet with friends 6-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho and from 9-9:45 a.m. prior to the service.

Graveside Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the Utah State Veterans Cemetery in Bluffdale, UT. where final military rites will be presented.

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