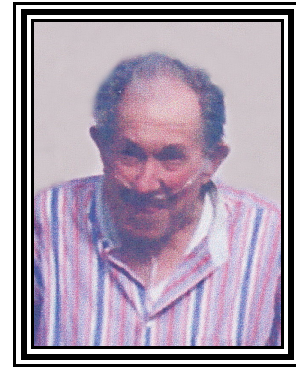


Obituary

Owen Lavell Durfee, 81

Owen Lavell Durfee, 81, of Pingree, Idaho passed away Sunday, June 5, 2011 at the home of his daughter, Ann Sutton, in Twin Falls, Idaho.



Owen was born April 13, 1930 in Tremonton, Utah to Melvin Henry Durfee and Erma Sophia Johnson. He was raised until the age of six in Almo then moved to Pocatello and remained there until 1973 when he moved to Pingree. He attended school in Pocatello. Owen served his country in the United States Army in the Korean Conflict.

On August 28, 1953 Owen married Patty Lois Rhoades in Pocatello, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1959.

Owen worked as a carpenter for the Pocatello School District, Sho Ban Tribes and Simplot in Soda Springs. He also worked in well drilling, was a welder for Gate City Steel and S&A Fabrication and was a co-owner of a drill company with his dad and brother. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and hunting.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, working in the family history center for seven years.

Owen is survived by his wife, Pat of Blackfoot, Idaho; sons, Owen E. (Karen) Durfee of Blackfoot, Idaho, Mark (Rhonda) Durfee of Ashton, Idaho and Eddy (Cathy) Durfee of Pocatello; daughters, Ann (Larry) Sutton of Twin Falls, Idaho, Shelly (Robert) Gilman of Eureka, Montana and Darlene (John) Atwood of Blackfoot, Idaho; 20 grandchildren; and 26 great grandchildren.

Owen is preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter, Ida Pauline; brothers, Vernon and Carl; and sister, Dorothy D. Truchot.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2011 at the Pingree LDS Church with Bishop Stacy Jackson conducting. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot and for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at

condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.