

Obituary

Shirl R Elison, 74

Shirl R Elison, 74, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, returned to his heavenly home on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, following a very short battle with acute leukemia.

He was born on June 1, 1935 in Idaho Falls, beating his twin sister by three minutes. He was the 6th of 7 children born to Maude Carson Elison and Orson Stanley Elison. After graduating from Blackfoot High School, he attended Ricks College.

Shirl loved our country. He served in the National Guard, Armored Division, for over six years, attaining his pilot's license for small planes and helicopters.

He married Juanita K Packer in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on June 22, 1956. They raised six children on a dairy farm in Riverton, then another west of Moreland.

Shirl mastered numerous vocations and skills, earning him the "He can fix anything" label. At the time of his death, he was working at 20th Century Ford, where he had developed many dear friends.

Shirl was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He had served in several bishoprics, elders quorum and high priest group leadership, but two of the most rewarding calls were with the Explorer Scouts and as the Nursery Leader, with his wife. Shirl and Juanita served a mission from May 2001 to May 2002 at the Idaho Falls Temple Visitors Center. At the time of his passing, he was serving as an ordinance worker with his wife at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

He is survived by his precious wife and sweetheart, Juanita; daughters, Denise (Randy) Gneiting of Groveland, Jeri (Cole) Potter of Renton, Washington, Deann (Shannon) Albright of Shelley; sons, Shirl Kent (Cindy) Elison of South Jordan, Utah, Alan R Elison of El Paso Texas, Paul Dio (Ruth) Elison of Beaverton, Oregon; brothers, Don (Loah) Elison of Blackfoot, Idaho and Garth (Connie) Elison of North Salt Lake, Utah; sister, Ora (Don) Latimer of St. George, Utah; brother in law, Devon Lowder of Aberdeen; 19 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

Shirl was preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Shirlene Lowder; brothers Lamar and his wife, Ruth, Keith and his wife, "Kit"; sister in law, Norma Elison; and two great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at Moreland LDS Church. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and for one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. Interment will follow at the Moreland Cemetery. Condolences may be sent online to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

