

Obituary

Raymond Jensen, 87

Raymond Jensen, 87, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed peacefully away on Monday, August 29, 2011 with his home care taker, Nita Teton, by his side at his home in Wapello.

Raymond was born on the Robathon Ranch in Wapello on July 25, 1924 to Gerald W. and Gladys Malm Jensen. Raymond grew up in the Wapello Area and went to the Wapello and Blackfoot schools, graduating from Firth High School. He played softball with the Wapello softball team and played football with Firth and Blackfoot. Raymond was very close to his brother, Jarvis Don. They were born 11 months apart, and like twins, together they helped his parents on the farm, raising cattle, horses, chickens and harvested sugar beets, grain and hay.

In 1943 he joined the Navy and was stationed in San Diego, California, He also traveled to Treasure Island in San Francisco, California, New Guinea, Australia, New Zeland, Tasmania, Philippines and Alaska.

Upon returning from the Navy, he met and married Olive Ardith Whiting on October 31, 1945 and on November 30, 1961 they were sealed for time and all eternity in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They were married one month short of 60 years when Ardith passed away.

Raymond was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as High Priest, counselor and was an active and very dedicated member to the end.

He worked at American Potato in Blackfoot and also 20th Century Mobile Homes, his main source of income was farming and ranching and being a cowboy. In his free time he enjoyed traveling with friends and enjoyed outdoor life, cooking and camping. He had many talents and truly enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved his family, grandchildren and friends, always encouraging kids to get involved and graduate and go on to college. He was a mentor to all.

Raymond is survived by his son Steven (Jodi) Jensen of Post Falls, Idaho; daughter-in-law, Anne Jensen of Blackfoot; sister-in-law, Delores Jensen of Idaho Falls; grandchildren, Keely (Wade) Friesen of Spokane, Washington, Michael and Kelly Jensen of Post Falls, Idaho, Christy (Joe) Kamps of Post Falls, Idaho, Charlie Jensen of Blackfoot, Ryan Jensen of VanCouver, Washington; adopted Native American grandchildren, Juanita, Leroy, Aliza and Sandra Damon of Blackfoot; and three great grandchildren.

Raymond is preceded in death by his wife; Ardith Whiting Jensen; parents, Gerald and Gladys Jensen; son, Richard Jensen; and brother, Jarvis Don Jensen.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the Wapello LDS Chapel, 337 N. 200 E. in Blackfoot with Dennis Hone conducting. The family will meet with friends and family from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 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 Grove City Cemetery. The family would like to thank "Heartworks Connection" and Blackfoot Home Health and Hospice for the care of their dad, grandpa and friend. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the Wapello 1st Ward Missionary Fund, c/o Bishop Charles Dansie, 301 E. 200 N., Blackfoot, Idaho 83221. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

