

Obituary

Samuel Doyle Jones, 91

Samuel Doyle Jones, 91, of Blackfoot, passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at the Bingham Memorial Hospital from complications incident to age.

He was born March 18, 1919 in Riverton, Idaho to Samuel Henry and Emily Curtis Jones. He attended schools in Blackfoot, Idaho. During school, he was active in choir, band (he was the drum major), drama and tennis. Later he became the Blackfoot City Champion in singles and doubles.

On August 11, 1936, he married Lucille Gardner in Blackfoot. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple on February 2, 1938. They made their home in Blackfoot, Idaho.

During his later high school years, Doyle started a furniture and automobile upholstery business, calling it, "Doyle Jones Repair Shop". He continued building this business until World War II when he went to work at the Pocatello Air Base as a parachute rigging department manager. In December 1944, he joined the United States Navy and was stationed in San Diego, CA. until the end of the war.

After returning from the war, he joined his father, Sam H. Jones, in the Sam H. Jones Furniture & Appliance business. They sold furniture, appliances, and water softeners. They later dropped the furniture and appliances and concentrated on water softeners. Eventually owning Lindsay dealerships in Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Twin Fall, Idaho. They sold the Idaho Falls, Twin Falls, and Pocatello Lindsay dealerships and purchased the Culligan dealerships in Pocatello and Blackfoot. In the early 1970's, Doyle and his brother, Clarence, split the business. Doyle took the Servisoft water treatment line in Idaho Falls and Blackfoot. Clarence took the Culligan dealerships in Pocatello and Blackfoot.

In 1986, Doyle retired from the water treatment business. Retirement wasn't much fun, so he ran for Bingham County Coroner, was elected, and held that position for 15 years. During his tenure as coroner he completely organized the coroner's records and filing system, as well as building a strong relationship with the Bingham County funeral homes.

He was a member of the Lions and Rotary Clubs and very active in the American Legion where he served in the military honor guard at many funerals throughout the years.

Doyle was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in various callings including dance director, Ward Clerk, Stake Clerk, Councilor in several bishoprics, High Councilor, Stake Sunday School President, temple worker for 12 years and the ward choir until his illness prevented him from participating.

In later years, he enjoyed helping his wife, Lucille, at the Senior Citizen's Center preparing lunch for all the patrons.

Doyle enjoyed all sports, either playing or watching. He enjoyed snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding. He especially loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille G. of Blackfoot, Idaho; a daughter, Marilyn Lucille (W. Terry) Hatch of Preston, Idaho; three sons, Michael E. (Bonnie J) Jones of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Barry (Debbie) Jones of Puyallup, Washington and Bret G. (Jodie) Jones of Shelley, Idaho; sister, Shirley (Clyde) Kofloed of St. George, Utah; fifty seven grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam H. and Emily Jones; one brother, Clarence H. Jones; one daughter, Elaine and a son, Samuel Douglas Jones.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Blackfoot Stake Center, 1650 Highland Dr. with Bishop Tad Pearson conducting.

The family will meet with friends on Friday evening, February 25, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave. and from 10:00-10:45 at the church prior to the service.

Interment will be in the Grove City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donation be made to Blackfoot Senior Citizens Center, 20 E. Pacific, Blackfoot, Idaho.

