

Obituary

Ray H. Kimmel, 78



Ray Harold Kimmel, 78, of Blackfoot, passed away Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at his home following an extended illness.

He was born January 24, 1931 in New York City, New York to Elmer Harold and Olive Vivian Riggs Kimmel.

Ray attended James Johns Grade School in Portland, Oregon.

On November 13, 1957, he married Violet Malinda Marchant Barton in Stevenson, Washington. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on August 23, 1968.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as assistant Boy Scout leader, Elder's quorum president and employment specialist. He and his wife served a mission to Saskatchewan, Canada and Cove Fort, Utah.

Ray drove truck with his wife for many years as team drivers. They also ran their own mini-market in the Maupin, Oregon area.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, sports(especially Softball). At the age of 65, he learned to fly a plane.

He is survived by his wife, Violet of Blackfoot; children, Linda (Russ) Lingenfelter of Rapid City, SD, Dennis Kimmel of Portland, OR, David "Butch"(Tammy) Kimmel of Blackfoot, ID, Diana (David) Barton of Vancouver, WA, Duane Kimmel of Portland, OR, Daniel Kimmel of Independence, OR; brother, Calvin (Norene) Kimmel of Vancouver, WA; sister, Louise Speyre of Oregon; eight grandchildren and ten great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Bonnie Edwards.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, ID. The family will meet with family and friends for one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Grove City Cemetery.