

Obituary

Melvin M. Martin, 72

Melvin M. Martin, 72, passed away Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the home of his daughter, Jenny Hong in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Mel was born on April 18, 1938, the son of Earl and Neva (Murphy) Martin in Moab, Utah.

Mel was a man of few words, but the word you could always count on hearing was "FANTASTIC!" When you asked him how he was doing, his answer would always be "FANTASTIC!" He was fantastic whether he had just driven 12 hours to visit his kids and grandkids, getting skunked at his favorite fishing hole or spending all morning in his chair for chemo treatments. May his attitude be an example to all of us that life really is fantastic!

Mel is survived by his son, Jefferey Martin of Eugene, Oregon; daughters, Jill (Dean) Kolka of Miles City, Montana and Jenny (Don) Hong of Blackfoot, Idaho; brothers, Guy (Pat Bradley) of Moab, Utah, Tim (Darla Kelsey) Martin of LaSal, Utah, Richard (Judy) Martin of Moab, Utah, Tom (Gloria Johnson) of Peoria, Arizona and Tony (Daleine Hollyoak) Martin of Wendover, Utah; sisters, Cora (Mae Johnston of Moab, Utah and Josephine Platt of Pleasant Grove, Utah; nine grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Gerald Earl Martin and Neva Murphy Martin; and brothers, John, Alvin and Ben.

A funeral service will be held in Moab, Utah on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Moab LDS Stake Center, 701 Locust St, under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home in Blackfoot. Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Gardens in Moab. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.

