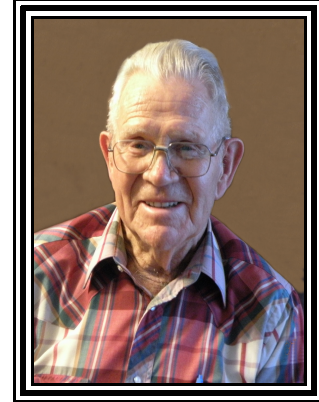


Obituary

John Leonard Nation, 84

John Leonard Nation, 84, of Blackfoot, passed away on Sunday, April 3, 2011 at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls from pneumonia.

He was born February 21, 1927, to Cynthia and Thomas Nation in Parklin, Oklahoma.



He married Elsie Bellgardt on May 19, 1945, in Montrose, Colorado. Elsie and John had two children, John Jr. and Loretta. They moved to Preston in 1951 and shortly after to Blackfoot where they have resided ever since, with exception of two years in which they moved back to Montrose, Colorado.

John was foreman for Blackfoot Motors Supply Shop for 20 years and then opened and operated his own shop, John's Auto Body for 20 years. He retired in 1992. After retirement, John delivered Meals On Wheels for 17 years receiving the Presidents Volunteer Service award in 2003.

He served in the Army from 1945-1949 and was a World War II veteran.

John is survived by his two children, John L. (Nancy) Nation Jr. of Blackfoot and Loretta Moses of Idaho Falls; two grandchildren, Stephanie (Jim) Liddle of Idaho Falls and Scott (Bonnie) Moses of Victor; five great grandchildren, Shaylee, Tayla, Jaiden Liddle and Hannah and Cora Moses.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 65 years, Elsie Nation, his parents, and six sisters and five brothers.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2011 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho. The family will meet with friends and family from 7-8 Sunday evening and for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Grand View Cemetery and Crematory in Montrose, Colorado on Saturday, April 16, 2011. Military honors will be presented by Colorado Army National Guard Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to Blackfoot Senior Citizens Meals on Wheels Program, 20 E. Pacific, Blackfoot, Idaho 83221.