

Obituary

Arthur Palma, 86



Arthur S. Palma, 86, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away Thursday, December 23, 2010 at Bingham Memorial Hospital in Blackfoot.

Art was born August 24, 1924 in Los Angeles, California to Salvador Emilio Palma and Elisa Verdugo.

After high school Art continued his education at the Los Angeles City College receiving an Associate's Degree in Physical Education he then went to Cal State in Los Angeles, California receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education.

Art joined the Army and served his country in World War II being deployed to areas like Japan, Philippines and Guadalcanal.

On October 4, 1952 Art married Nedra Benson in Reno, Nevada. Together they had two daughters, Kathryn and Janette.

Art worked for 40 years as Division Manager at SoCA Gas Company until he retired.

On June 6, 1996, Art married the second love of his life, Shirley Lobodici, in Victorville, California. They were then sealed in the Salt Lake Temple the following year, whom they were together till the time of his death. Art and Shirley spent some very special years together that are cherished memories, especially their trip to Poland to visit Shirley's family. They spent their marriage in California, Utah and Idaho. They lived in Victorville, California until relocating to Orem, Utah.

While living in Utah he continued to be an avid golfer. They also were missionaries at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center. They met many friends and acquaintances and made many fond memories. Then they lived a short time in Tooele, Utah until his health started deteriorating. They then moved to Moreland Idaho in which he felt like it was home. He then enjoyed helping a neighbor do repairs on the home. He loved mowing his four acre lawn on his John Deere lawnmower which he was in love with along with his baseball cap. He enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos. He bragged about his Mexican refried beans and enjoyed authentic Mexican food.

Art was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was a High Priest and felt honored to hold the Priesthood. One of his favorite callings in the Church was being a door greeter in the Moreland 3rd Ward.

Art is survived by his wife, Shirley of Blackfoot, Idaho; daughters, Kathryn (Glenn) McMillan of Royal Oaks, California and Janette (Cordell) McDonald of Claremont, California; brother Adolph (Ruth) Palma of Garden Grove, California; step daughter Karina (Guy) Henry of Moore, Idaho; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Art is preceded in death by his first wife, Nedra; and his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at the Blackfoot North West Stake Center. Family will meet with friends and relatives for one hour prior to services at the Church. Interment will follow at the Moreland Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hawker Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.