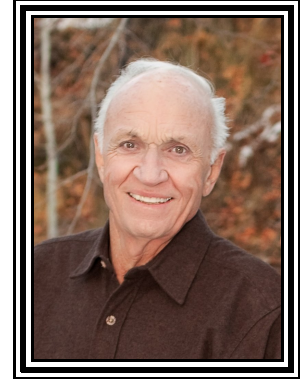


## Obituary

### Vernon Jensen Pearson, 75

Vernon Jensen Pearson passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2011 in his home in Pocatello surrounded by loved ones following a valiant fight with cancer.

Vernon was born April 2, 1936 in Leslie Idaho, the son of Marion Russell and Marion Eliza Pearson.



Vernon married his sweetheart Barbara Spencer on June 30, 1961 in the Salt Lake City Utah Temple.

After leaving his father's farm in Lost River, Vernon served as an Electrician in the Navy from 1954 to 1958, then served an LDS mission for two years in the West Canadian LDS mission. After his finishing his bachelor's degree he taught high school wood working and was Guidance Counselor for 3 years. After completing his Master's degree and already having 5 children, Vernon worked as a counselor for LDS Family Services for 32 years.

After retirement, Vernon and Barbara continued their legacy of service abroad by serving 3 LDS Missions: Tonga Nuku'alofa Mission, Philippines Naga Mission, and the Washington DC Temple mission.

Vernon is survived by his wife Barbara, of Pocatello, Idaho; his mother Marion Pearson; five sons and three daughters, Russ and Kayla Pearson of Springville, Utah, Roy and Kerri Pearson of Provo, Utah, Julie and Brett Stabenow of Kaysville, Utah, Jan and Victor Godfrey of Nampa, Idaho, Bryce Pearson of Rapid City, South Dakota, Ben and Anne Pearson of Heber, Utah, Joy and Cody Anderson of Chubbuck, Idaho, and Justin and Jenn Pearson of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Also surviving are 28 grandchildren and four brothers Ronald, Brent, Lin and Rion Pearson and one sister, Bonnie Flory.

Vernon is preceded in death by his father, Marion Russell Pearson and grandsons, Kline Pearson Anderson and Ian Mackay Pearson.

There will be a viewing held from 7 to 9pm on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hawker Funeral Home at 132 South Shilling Ave. in Blackfoot, Idaho. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Saturday, with a viewing at 10 am, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the LDS Highland 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Chapel, on 2300 Butte Street in Pocatello Idaho. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Lost River Cemetery in Moore, Idaho. Condolences may be sent to the family at: [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).