

Obituary

Max John Ricks, 64



Max John Ricks, 64, of Blackfoot passed away Friday, February 6, 2009 at Bingham Memorial Hospital from a sudden heart attack.

He was born June 25, 1944 in Rexburg, Idaho the son of Aaron Orson and Miriam Scholes Ricks.

He attended grade school in Plano, Idaho, and graduated from Sugar City High School. He attended Ricks College and BYU where he received a degree in Zoology.

Max served in the US Army during the Vietnam War, but served in Korea.

On August 25, 1967, he married the love of his life, Petrea "Pat" McKie in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. They have lived in the Blackfoot area for nearly 40 years.

Max was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he served a 2 ½ year mission in Denmark, 4 years in a Bishopric, 6 years as Bishop and held many other callings in his service to the Lord. Max was a great supporter of Scouts, and saw the blessing, that it was, in the life of his sons.

Max worked at NRF since 1982.

Max enjoyed working around the house. He loved to figure out how things worked. He was a master wood worker, and loved to spend time in his shop. Max loved to go sailing and enjoyed the time that he spent on the water, with the wind in his hair. If Pat could not find him, she only had to check with her various neighbors. She would undoubtedly find him helping them with whatever they were doing. His desire and ability to serve others was a blessing in his life. Through his service, he taught his children and grandchildren the importance of service to others. In his memory the family asks all to live Max's motto of doing a good turn daily.

He is survived by his wife, Pat of Riverside; daughters, Marnie (Ken) Spencer of Blackfoot, Valerie (Sean) Turner of Kaysville, UT; sons, Jaron (Jodie) Ricks of Blackfoot, John (Jessica) Ricks of Garland, UT; mother, Miriam Ricks of Sugar City; siblings, Nelda (Wayne) McClellan of Mackay, ID, David (Karen) Ricks of Enoch, UT, Amy Shirley of Idaho Falls, Steven (Suzy) Ricks of Idaho Falls, Rex (Margo) Ricks of Grand Junction, CO, and Charles (CaroLee) Ricks of Sugar City. He was blessed with 15 grandchildren that loved their papa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Aaron Orson Ricks and a sister, Sharon Judkins.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the Riverside LDS Chapel with Bishop Kim Poole conducting.

The family will meet with friends on Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave. Blackfoot, ID and from 9:30-10:45 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Interment will be in the Groveland Cemetery. The family suggests memorials to the LDS Perpetual Education or Missionary Funds.