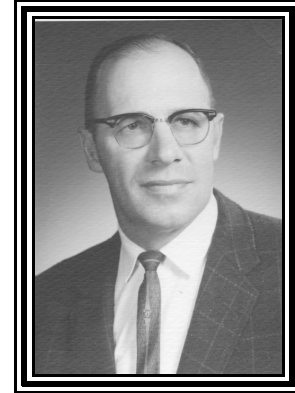


Obituary

Rulon Jones Callister, 91



Rulon Jones Callister, 91, formerly of Blackfoot and Howe, Idaho, passed away June 30, 2010 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Rulon was born in Fillmore, Utah, on August 29, 1918, to Orson Pratt and Annie Francella Jones Callister. While still a baby, the family moved to Moreland, near Blackfoot, and later to Groveland where Rulon attended school through the eighth grade.

He graduated from Blackfoot High School where he lettered in football, basketball, track, and participated in Golden Glove boxing (winning a state championship). He was a member of the state championship debate team and served as student body president. He attended Ricks College for two years, again lettering in football, basketball, and track. Because of sports participation at Ricks, he received the Kuglar Award as the 1937 Outstanding Athlete of Year. He then enrolled at the University of Utah where he competed in basketball and track and earned a BA degree along with a teaching certificate. Rulon taught school in Shelley and Groveland, Idaho, operated the Groveland store, and then became a dairy farmer. Until his retirement, he ran a large dairy farm in Howe, Idaho.

Rulon served in the military during WWII, on the Board for Federal Land Bank, the Bingham County Conservation District, and as president of Bingham County Farm Bureau. He was twice chosen as the Bingham County Grassman of the year. In 2007 he was inducted into the BYU-Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame. He served in many church positions, including bishop and branch president, and, along with his wife, missionary to Munich, Germany and ordinance worker in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Rulon married Margaret Smith on April 11, 1938 in Ashton, Idaho. Their marriage was solemnized in the Logan Temple in 1945. Margaret preceded him in death on February 3, 1999. Their posterity includes their children: Jay Callister, Lee Callister, Anne (Wayne) Lott, Lois (Nick) Lang, Grace (Gary) Bauer, Seth (Renee) Callister, Don (Kristine) Callister, 40 grandchildren and 89 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, four brothers and two sisters, two grandsons and a great-grandson. He is survived by one brother, Lovell (Lois) Callister, his children and their spouses, 38 grandchildren and 88 great-grandchildren. Also surviving him are in-laws Nina Callister, Arba (Roy) Van Houten, Genevieve Smith, Jean Smith, Lou Jean Thueson, daughter-in-law Marjean Callister, and a foster son, Herman (Bonnie) Red Elk.

The family would like to thank the management and staff at the Turtle and Crane home and Aspen Home Health and Hospice for their care of Rulon during the past year of his life.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the Howe LDS Chapel, Howe, Idaho. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 6, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home and again from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to service at the church. Interment will be at 3 p.m. in the Groveland Cemetery, 425 W. 200 N., Blackfoot.