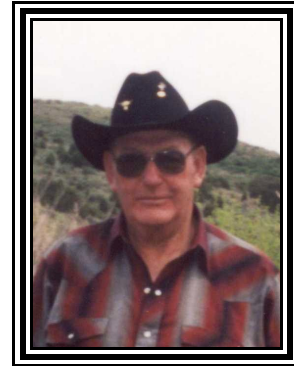


## Obituary

### Merlin Floyd Samuelson, 81



Merlin Floyd Samuelson, 81, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away Monday, August 23, 2010 at Bingham Memorial Hospital in Blackfoot.

Merlin was born February 4, 1929 in Rose, Idaho to Arthur Vitalis and Nellie May Simper Samuelson. He lived his lifetime in Idaho, other than a short time he spent in Salt Lake City. Merlin attended school in McDonaldville, then Rose grade school and graduated from Moreland High School.

In August of 1953 Merlin married Joanne Higgins in Blackfoot, Idaho. Together they had two children, Rodney and Bonnie. They were later divorced.

Merlin worked with his brother at Richfield Gas Station and for Bengal Construction, then as a mechanic and truck driver for Western Construction. In his free time, he enjoyed team roping, horse riding, elk and deer hunting and later in life loved fishing. He was active in the Bull Dogging and Roping Rodeo Association.

Merlin was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Merlin is survived by his son, Rodney (Lissa) Samuelson of Twin Falls; daughter, Bonnie (Gary) Daley of Alpine, Wyoming; brother, Arvid (Margaret) Samuelson of Blackfoot; sister, Carol Turpin of Blackfoot; five grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

Merlin is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Elma; and brothers, Alvin and Leonard.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot. Family will meet with friends and relatives for one hour prior to services. Condolences may be sent to the family at

[condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).

Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery.