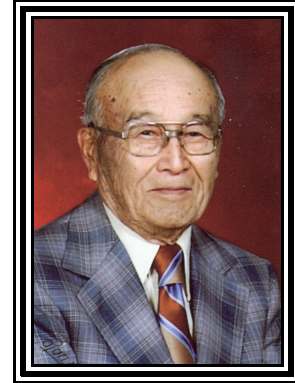


Obituary

Jimmy K. Shikashio, 90



Jimmy K. Shikashio, 90, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away Monday, July 19, 2010 at his home in Blackfoot.

Jimmy was born to Frank and Miyoshi Kusaba Shikashio in Shelley, Idaho on June 18, 1920. He grew up in the lower Presto community and in his early years, helped on the farm. Jimmy attended grade school in Presto and later graduated from Firth High School. During high school, he was captain and quarterback of the football team that won the state title.

On January 14, 1947 Jimmy married Aiko Shiratori in Idaho Falls. Together they had three daughters, Laura, Linda and Lorna.

During World War II, he volunteered to serve in the Army Air Force and helped maintain a fleet of planes for pilot training. Later, when the all Japanese American Combat Team was organized, he volunteered to be in their unit. Jimmy served in Italy, France and Germany and helped liberate thousands of Jewish and other prisoners from the Dachau Concentration Camp.

After his discharge from the service, Jimmy worked as an automotive technician for 16 years. He also worked for Thiokol Chemical Company at the Naval Gun Plant in Pocatello, worked at INEL for twenty years and when he retired, he was secretary for the Metal Trades Union and secretary for the Association of Machinists Local 1712.

Jimmy was a member of the American Legion Stewart Hoover Post 23 for 40 years, member of Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 9443. He loved his country and flew the flag almost everyday. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing and growing organic vegetables as a hobby.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 63 years, Aiko; daughters, Laura (Larry) Burge, Linda (Ivan) Whiteman and Lorna Hamilton; two brothers, Charlie Shikashio of Blackfoot, Idaho and Tom Shikashio of Rhode Island; seven grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Jason Lee Methodist Church. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot, and for one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will follow at the Grove City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the charity of your choice.