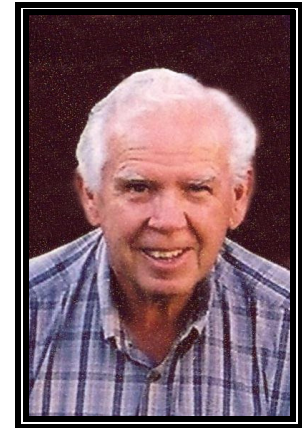


Obituary

Harold Solinsky, 77



Harold Solinsky, 77, of Blackfoot, Idaho, passed away Monday, February 22, 2010 at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Harold was born November 13, 1932, the ninth child of Harry and Martha Solinsky. Because of divorce, Harold was raised by Clarence Burchett and his mother, Martha Burchett. He attended schools north of Spokane, in a one room schoolhouse. Harold graduated from Mead High School as Valedictorian. Harold went on to the University of Idaho, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture.

On January 4, 1956, Harold married Darla Dean Hansen in Groveland, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on August 3, 1961. Together they had three children, Robert, Christian and Shelley.

In 1955, Harold joined the United States Army, where he was stationed with the Air Defense in Seattle, Washington. He served as commander of the Nike Battery Battalion. Harold received eight meritorious service medals, including a Bronze Star and two medals awarded by the South Vietnamese, for his outstanding service to them. After a long career with the military, living in 26 different homes in 24 years, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1977, and returned to Blackfoot, Idaho.

After marriage, Harold returned to school, getting his Masters Degree at the University of Washington in Vocational Education. He started teaching in the Agriculture Shop at Blackfoot High School after retiring from the military. He taught there for 12 years, simultaneously working as the Director of the Bingham County Vocational Educational Consortium. In his free time, he enjoyed building things out of metal or wood. He built his home, other buildings and furniture.

Harold was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He faithfully served in the ward and stake Sunday School, the young men's program and ward finance clerk.

Harold is survived by his wife, Darla; sons, Robert Harold (Barbara) Solinsky, of Idaho Falls, Idaho and Major Christian Harold (Heide) Solinsky, currently stationed in Germany; his grandson, that he raised as his son, Danny (Wendy) Siler of Groveland, Idaho; brothers, Tom Solinsky and James "Jim" Gordon Burchett; sister, Mary Heisig, all of Spokane, Washington; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents, Harry Solinsky; step father, Clarence Burchett; mother, Martha Burchett; daughter, Shelley Shringling; and one granddaughter, Kathryn Darla.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010 and for one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will follow at the Groveland Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.