

## OBITUARY

### **RALPH SVANCARA, 82**

Ralph Svancara, 82, of Blackfoot, passed away Friday, January 16, 2009 at the Idaho Veteran's Home in Pocatello, Idaho.

He was born December 14, 1926 in Buhl, Idaho, to Vaclav and Agnes Kaiser Svancara.

He was raised and attended school in Buhl. Following graduation he attended Grimmes Business School in Pocatello. He moved to Blackfoot in 1950 and has resided here since.

He served in the United States Army during World War II.

On June 19, 1951 he married Betty Murphy at Winnemucca, Nevada.

Ralph was a member of the Toastmaster's and enjoyed being a cub scout leader.

As a bookkeeper he worked for Simplot Aviation, H & V Engineering, and Kraft Foods

His hobbies included fishing, hunting and reading.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty; his children, Dennis (Kathy) Svancara, of Pocatello, Linda (Shane) Bird, of Chubbuck, Teresa (Ron) Austin, of Blackfoot; brothers, Otto (Margaret) Svancara, of San Jose, CA, Victor Svancara, of Buhl, ID; sister, Rosalie (John) Bentencourt, of Monterey, California; eleven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Mike Rowe; brothers, Robert, Eddy, Arnold, and Lumer Svancara; and sister, Alice Molander.

Graveside funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery, with Kay Wixom conducting. The family will meet with friends and relatives from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at Hawker Funeral Home.

Interment will be in the Riverside-Thomas Cemetery. Final military rites will be presented by American Legion Stewart Hoover Post #23.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the Idaho Veteran's Home

