

Obituary

Wendell Ernest Walquist, 93



Wendell Ernest Walquist, 93, of Blackfoot passed away Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Bingham County Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Blackfoot.

He was born March 19, 1917 in Woodville, Idaho to Ernest William Walquist and Hanna Goldie Bodin.

Wendell graduated from Idaho Falls High School.

He served in the Air Corps in the Army.

He married LaRie G. Jensen in 1940, and they were divorced in 1961. He married Edna Louise Hawkes in 1963, and she preceded him in death in 1971. He then married Dorothy M. Cody on December 20, 1971, and she also preceded him in death in 2001.

He attended the LDS church in Idaho Falls, Woodville and Blackfoot and the Harvest Foursquare in Blackfoot.

He farmed and worked with horses, was a store and motel manager, worked at AEC Site and as a church custodian.

Wendell enjoyed horses, antiques and television. He also enjoyed driving his pony hitch through town with sleigh wagons and stage coaches and giving the neighborhood kids rides and his grandsons. He attended auctions regularly and collected farm machinery, including the pieces on display at the potato museum, automobiles and anything else that caught his fancy.

He is survived by his children, Lynn Walquist, Gary Walquist and Cindy (John) Davis all of Boise, Tracy (Launa) Walquist of Blackfoot, Sharon (Robert) Erland of Oregon; step son, LeRoy (Sally) Mitchell of Rigby and step daughter, Carol Jardine of Idaho Falls; sister, Dorothy (Garth) Balmforth of Idaho Falls; thirteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives; brothers, Rollin, Marion, Raymond and Vern; and grandson, Brock.

A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Hawker Funeral Home, 132 S. Shilling Ave., Blackfoot, Idaho.

The family will meet with friends on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and from 2-3:00 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Taylor Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.