

## Obituary

### Irvin “Irv” Doyle Wanlass, 79

“Irv” Irvin Doyle Wanlass, 79, of Blackfoot, Idaho passed away Thursday, July 22, 2010 at his home.

Irvin was born January 24, 1931 to Reuben Wanlass and Clennie Cover Wanlass in Chapin, Idaho. He received his education in a one room schoolhouse in Chapin.

Irvin served his country in the Korean Conflict as an Air Force Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class. He was a flight engineer on the B-29's and part of the Air Rescue squadron. He was first stationed in San Antonio for training then was stationed in Japan where he served in the Pacific Theater and Guam.

On May 18, 1954, Irvin married Joy Butler in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Together they had two daughters, Sheri and Susie. Irvin and Joy moved to Blackfoot in 1955 and have lived there ever since.

Irvin was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a strong testimony of the gospel.

When first married Irv leased a service station at Pond’s Lodge in Island Park. Later he worked as a ranch hand in May, Idaho, a well driller for many years, both for himself and for Doug Cushman’s Well Drilling. He ran his own pump business, worked at Blackfoot School District #55 as the Superintendent of Maintenance, new construction and Quality Control. He also worked in maintenance at Bingham Memorial Hospital. In his free time through the years he enjoyed snowmobiling, hunting and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Snowmobiling Club, Cedar Hills Gun Club, lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the Blackfoot River Bowman Archery Club. He was very skilled at making his own traditional bows, arrows and arrowheads and other primitive art. He was an excellent marksman with guns and bows and in later years grew the most wonderful gardens.

Irvin is survived by his wife, Joy of Blackfoot; daughters, Sheri Lynn Wanlass of Firth and Susie (Richard) Stocking of Groveland; sister, Bonnie Ellis of Idaho Falls; grandchildren, Brock Wanlass, Claire Stocking and Logan Stocking; and great grandson, Dominic Wanlass.

Irvin is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leslie; and sisters, Etta Christopherson and Fay Murdock.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at the Wapello LDS Church, with Bishop Charles Dansie conducting. Family will meet with friends and relatives from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 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 the family at [condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com](mailto:condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com).

