



George Bert Roylance

January 18, 1924 - January 7, 2010

George Bert Roylance, 85, passed away January 7, 2010 at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, WA. from complications due to pneumonia. Bert was born in Sugar Salem, ID. on January 18, 1924 to George Edmond Roylance and Mabel Claire Valentine. He was the 4th of 9 children and was the first born son.

In his youth, his parents were dairy farmers and Bert gained a love for the animals and the land. In 1934, when he was 10 years old, his family moved to Meridian, ID. and he graduated from Meridian High School in 1941. After graduation, he worked for a while and then was drafted into the Army in July of 1944. He served in the 357th Infantry division 3rd Army under General George Patton in the Battle of the Bulge. He was honorably discharged on July 12, 1946 and received the Purple Heart.

On returning home, he married his sweetheart, Zelma Noreen Lowry, on August 12, 1946 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple. They made their first home in Meridian, ID. and then after hearing about the land opportunities available in the Columbia Basin Project, they moved to Moses Lake, WA. in 1953. In 1957, they moved their family to Warden, WA. where they still reside.

Bert was an accomplished farmer and dairyman, and he was very involved in the registered holstein industry. His great determination and hard work ethic served his family well.

He had a great love for the outdoors and especially loved deep sea fishing. Bert also loved building and he always had a new project in the works.

Because of his generous nature, he entertained many of his family and friends at his summer homes in Sitka, Alaska and Lava Hot Springs, Idaho. Bert greatly loved his wife and family, and his great sense of humor will be missed by all who were privileged to know him.

Bert is survived by his loving wife, Zelma, of 63 years and their 7 children: Clare & (Debbie) Roylance of Warden, WA., Gwen Gunter of North Salt Lake, UT., Gwenda & (Ken) Maughan of Sandy, Ut., Bonnie & (Phil) Owen of Farr West, UT., Brent & (Nesha) Roylance, Gary & (ValaRee) Roylance, and Bruce & (Shauna) Roylance all of Moses Lake, WA.; 36 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; his brother Jay & (Elaine) Roylance of Othello, WA., and 4 sisters, LuDeen Earl of Moses Lake, WA., Lola Cole of Warden, WA., Norma Leavitt of Mesa, AZ., and Donna & (Dennis) Killian of Othello, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents and three older sisters, Clea Nelson, Verla Flick, and Grace Pickerd.

Bert was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served in many capacities which included serving a mission in Nauvoo, IL. with his wife, Zelma.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and staff at Samaritan Hospital and Sacred Heart Medical Center for their compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Warden, WA. Interment will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Warden.

Family will greet friends on Friday, January 15th at Kayser's Chapel of Memories in Moses Lake, WA. from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. and at the Church from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 16th.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel
1017 S. County Rd.
Warden, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Though its been awhile since we spoke there hasent been a day that my family stopped thinking of you. Thayer still talks about going fishing with Bert and says remember when Zelma would bring goodies to the house. It was only a few years in Sitka but all those days fishing with Bert is a lifetime of memories. The fishing stories are GUARENTEED no lies. To Zelma and the whole family we miss you and your always in our hearts. Love the Whitakers and thank you for being a part of us in sitka.##imported-begin##Tom,Sandra,Thayer##imported-end##

March 10, 2010 at 11:38 PM



“ Wow... Reading the obituary for Brother Roylance is like findinfg a 'Whos's Who?'.. in the Columbia Basin. I miss so many of you.. especially you Sister Earl (LuDeane). My fahter, Dorse Oman often took me with him to his speaking engagements for the Church. I remembered the Roylances before they moved to Warden from Moses Lake where we attended Church together. And when we went to Warden Brother Bert would be one of the first to reach out his hand in greeting me, even as a small boy, to make me feel at home and welcome to the Warden Branch/Ward. God bless you all in this tough time to come as we miss our loved ones. I am certain that my mother and father have already embraced Bert on the other side of that sometimes thin veil between this life and the next. My love and condolences to all who know Bert.... Sincerely, David Miles Oman##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

January 25, 2010 at 05:21 PM



“ We will miss the great humor and gentleman that Bert was to many. Our family visited your farm several years ago & we still talk about the hospitality that he gave us that day. He will truly be missed. So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Percy & Lois Hoekema##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 10:14 PM



“ What a blessing it is to have known Bert Roylance. I learned so much from him and he was a joy to be around. His devotion to his faith, his family and his work were so very evident to me. He laughed easily, often at himself. I will miss him dearly. My deepest sympathy to Zelma and her wonderful family.##imported-begin##Rick Honsowetz##imported-end##

January 15, 2010 at 07:11 PM



“ God's Blessing is my prayer for the entire Bert Roylance Family.##imported-begin##Dean Campbell##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“ I worked for Bert and his sons for four years he and his sons were great employers and super great men..I remember Bert taking his grand children hunting on his pheasant farm and leaving me the birds in my pick up to clean on my lunch break.....He was truly a great man..Im so sorry for the family and community loss##imported-begin##Marty Taft##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 02:24 AM



“ WE ARE PRAYING THAT THE LORD WILL COMFORT YOUR HEARTS.##imported-begin##Rudy Salazar##imported-end##

January 14, 2010 at 12:36 AM



“ Our condolences to the entire Roylance family on the passing of Bert. Our memories are warm.

May you all find peace and comfort in this most difficult of times.

Jim and Susan Kelly##imported-begin##Jim Kelly##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ Our condolences to the Roylance family. Your Patriarch lives on in the faces of his children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren. He left his family with a wealth of memories to cherish as well. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Ron & Helen (Visker) Jeske##imported-end##

January 13, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss, Mr. Roylance was always a gentleman. I enjoyed his smile and warm heart. You all will be in our prayers.

Jared Crum##imported-begin##Jared Crum##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 05:26 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Roylance family. Grandpa Roylance has done so much for me by being a great grandpa to my wife Natali and her family. He had the greatest laugh, I wish my kids had more opportunities to spend time with him. Thank you for being such a great man. I am sorry I won't be able to make the funeral, but Natali will be bringing our love and support of a great life lived.##imported-begin##Russell Carter##imported-end##

January 12, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear Roylance family,
I am so sorry to hear of Berts passing.
Please know that my husband and I are keeping your family in our prayers.
My parents are in Arizona and will be unable to attend the service for Bert. They will be sorry!
May the Lord bless you and keep you, May He shine His face upon you and be gracious to you, May the Lord lift up His countenance on you and give you PEACE. Numbers 6:24-26##imported-begin##Debbie (Kimble) Hoilman##imported-end##

January 11, 2010 at 10:33 PM



“ Sorry about your grandfather and my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ruby Joyce Love##imported-end##

January 11, 2010 at 09:32 PM



“ Bert was everyones friend. I will never forget the way he treated all of us on the fire department for years. Love you guys. Zelma and family I will never forget you. Dick##imported-begin##Dick and Marge Schoessler##imported-end##

January 11, 2010 at 07:55 PM



“ Dear Sister Roylance and family,
Our thoughts are with you and your family at this time. We express our deepest sympathy and regrets for the loss of your loved one, Burt.
Sincerely,
Don and Donna Ruttan
Othello##imported-begin##Donna Ruttan##imported-end##

January 11, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ Zelma & family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bert was a wonderful man & touched everyone he came in contact with. He will be truely missed
Hold his memory close##imported-begin##Darla Mast##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 08:52 PM



“ I extend my heartfelt prayers to Bert's family. What a pleasure it was to have known Bert, he was a good man. We will miss him.

Jess Morris and family##imported-begin##Jess Morris##imported-end##

January 08, 2010 at 08:29 PM