



William "Bill" Firebaugh

October 9, 1924 - July 25, 2009

William "Bill" B. Firebaugh, 84, longtime Moses Lake resident passed away at his home, after a brief illness, Sunday, July 26, 2009. Graveside funeral services with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Mountain Time) Saturday, August 1, 2009 at Salmon Cemetery in Salmon, Idaho. Bill was born October 9, 1924 to the late John Peter & Dorothy (Caster) Firebaugh in Rock River, Wyoming. At a young age he moved with his family to Shoshone, Idaho, and in 1937 moved to Salmon, Idaho.

He joined the United States Air Force and served his country during World War II as an airplane re-fueler. After his honorable discharge he married LaDonna R. Clark in Missoula, Montana on July 7, 1948. They made their home in Salmon, Idaho for a short time before moving to Kellogg, Idaho where he began his mining career which took the family to Nevada, Oregon, New Mexico, Wyoming and Montana.

They moved to Moses Lake in 1966 and began farming in block 40 and eventually Hiawatha Valley until retiring in 1989.

Bill loved gold mining, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren. He took being a grandpa very seriously. He could be found totally enjoying himself at his grandkids' soccer games, baseball games, swim meets and fishing trips where the only thing they caught was a lot of fun! For the past several years, you could also find Bill taking his daily 5 mile morning walk from his home to Burger King or McDonalds for breakfast. He is survived by his sweet wife of 61 years, LaDonna of Moses Lake; a son, David Firebaugh of

Moses Lake; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia & Larry Butterfield of Moses Lake; 3 grandchildren, Mark Butterfield and his wife Liz of Rexburg, Idaho, Stephanie Wagner and her husband Justin of Spokane, Washington and Elder Eric Butterfield, currently serving a full-time mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Angeles, Philippines; 2 great-grandsons, Hunter & William Butterfield and 4 nephews.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Stricklan.

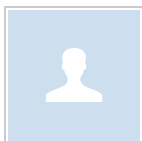
Previous Events

Service

AUG 1. 10:00 AM.

Graveside

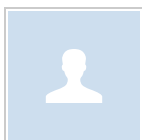
Tribute Wall



“ Dear Sister Firebaugh (LaDonna), Pat, Larry and Dave. I just found your husband and father's obit here. Pat had informed me at Church and during the Butterfield breakfast at Denny's of his untimely passing.

I want you all to know how much I always enjoyed my interactions with this saintly & gentle man who I call my brother and friend. To say that the world will miss his nice influence and example is a monumental under-exaggeration. I am sorry for all of our loss at this time. God bless you all... David Miles Oman 801-347-9833##imported-begin##David Miles Oman##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 03:23 PM



“ LaDonna, I am so sorry for your loss and you will be placed in my continued prayers during this difficult time. I will always remember Bills gentle guidance helping you into the unit for treatments, his kind smile and seeing him on his walks in the morning (no matter the weather it seemed!) you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer Brooks ##imported-end##

August 01, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ *LaDonna, Dave & Pat:*

So sad, so fast...

We know that Bill will be sorely missed by so many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time...

Bill touched a lot of people and will remain in so many hearts...forever.

God be with you & your family,

Sue & Ted Parry##imported-begin##Edward & Sue

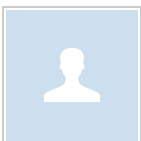
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July 30, 2009 at 10:46 PM



“ *we are are sorry to for the loss of your dad, grandfather and friend. he will be missed dearly. our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. please dont hesitate to call if you need anything. we are here for you anytime. god bless!##imported-begin##brooke james and riley gonzales##imported-end##*

July 30, 2009 at 09:15 PM



“ *LaDonna and Dave, I'm truly sorry for your loss. I hope you are doing okay. If there is anything I can do, let me know. I will be starting dayshift at dialysis Monday.*

Sincerely Susan Simons##imported-begin##Susan

Simons##imported-end##

July 30, 2009 at 07:43 PM



“ Grandpa, you meant the world to me. I hope I can someday become half the man that you were. You will truly be missed. Till we meet again.##imported-begin##Mark Butterfield##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 03:51 AM