**Obituary of Richard Stephen Browning**



Richard Stephen Browning left this earth on November 2, 2012 to join his mother who had died 80 years ago, his father, brother and two sisters. He was born January 6, 1924 in Sugar City, Idaho to Charles Henry and Viola Rebecca McFate Browning. His happiest times were spent on the farm near Canyon Creek in Madison County. He graduated from Sugar Salem High School in 1943.

In 1944 he was drafted into the Army and served as a paratrooper in France during WWII. On June 24, 1948 he married Lois LaPriel Wheeler in the Salt Lake Temple. They lived in Jackson, Wyoming where their first child Janet was born. In 1949 they moved to Pocatello. They purchased five acres on Mink Creek Road and moved to the property on April 9, 1951, where he lived the rest of his life and welcomed six more children into his family.

Rich followed his father’s footsteps and became a meat cutter, but he was happiest in the out of doors and started doing custom haying for area farmers, landscaping , and tilling gardens, which he did until the last year of his life. He owned and operated Browning Excavation with his nephew, Rex Browning until his retirement.

Rich was active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served faithfully in many callings such as a stake missionary, counselor in a bishopric, temple officiator, and especially as a home teacher. Rich and Lois served a full time mission to Alaska.

Rich and Lois were very generous and never took a vacation without a parent, sibling, child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or even a friend along. Most of their married life they have had other family members living with them such as their parents, brothers, or grown children.

Rich is survived by his wife, Lois and all seven children: Janet Bruderer, of Pocatello, ID; Carla (Craig) Sherman of Victor, ID; Phillip (Lisa) Browning of Evanston, WY; Elise Browning of Pocatello, ID; Deven (Betseylee) Browning of Mt. Green, UT; Dale (Laurie) Browning of Wasilla, AK; Joyce (Jeff) Underwood of Pocatello, ID; 24 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Bob, Roy (Linda), Ken (Mae) and Irven (Sandy).

He is preceded in death by his parents and step-mother Margaret, sister Geneva Thomas, brother Cleo and sister Florence (Flossie) Jensen, step-sister Margaret, and three grandsons: Tige and Craig Sherman, Derrick Browning, one granddaughter, Jeralee Underwood and two great-granddaughters, Emily Sherman and Anne Shidler.

The family would like to thank Access Home Care and Hospice for their kindness and loving care of our husband and father.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am November 10, 2012 at the Mink Creek Ward, on Portneuf Road with Bishop Efrain Velasquez officiating. A viewing will be held November 9, 2012 from 6-8pm at the Colonial Funeral Home on 2005 S Fourth Ave. Pocatello, ID., and at the church from 9:30-10:30am November 10, 2012. Burial will be in the Restlawn Cemetery. Military rites will be performed by Pocatello Veterans Honor Guard.