

Ernest Gene Gourley **“Together Again”**



Midvale, UT – Ernest Gene Gourley, 83, a devoted husband, father, brother and friend, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2011.

He was born June 26, 1927 at the family home in Pleasant Grove, Utah. He was the 10th child of David and Dora Louise West Gourley.

He married Juanita Jeppson in the Salt Lake Temple on March 4, 1953. They later adopted their son, Jeff Ernest, at the age of 15 from a Texas Children’s Home. Jeff served an LDS Mission to Mexico and also served his country in the Green Beret Special Forces for nine years.

Ernest attended schools in Pleasant Grove and Salt Lake City, graduating from West High School in 1945. Later he attended classes at BYU, the U of U, USU, U of NM, micro graphics courses in Washington, D.C., also over 9 years with various data processing classes from IBM and multiple correspondence courses though out his life.

He served his country in the Army Air Force during WWII, on the airfield in (British Guiana) British Guyana, South America in the 155th Army Airways Communications System Squadron until 1946.

He began his 30 year career with Granite School District first in accounting, then as their Director of Accounting Services. He served on the Board of Directors of the Granite District Credit Union for 20 years. Two of those years, he was elected President. He also served as an officer for 2 years and 7 months with the Union Pacific Railroad Employees Hospital Association.

During his life, Ernest received many recognitions, honors and awards both locally and nationally.

His talents and love for music began early in his life. Singing solos and harmonizing with his family and friends plus his love of piano and organ delighted and enriched all those around him.

Ernest and his wife, Juanita loved to travel. During those travels together, they always invited family members and young people to join them.

The door of their home was open to all for an ice cream treat, a good chat, game of pool or a movie. Ernie and Nita one time had a large box of correspondence from missionaries from many parts of the world expressing their thanks and gratitude to both of them for their time, patience and money when they were growing up.

He served as a Ward Financial Clerk, Stake Auditor, Dance Director, Music Director, Sunday School Teacher, Priest and Teacher Quorum Advisor in the LDS Church.

Most of all, Ernest was a devoted husband and father. He loved his wife tenderly and took care of her during a terminal illness that lasted 3 years.

Preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, 5 brothers and 4 sisters.

Survived by his sister, Faun Louise Burnett.

Private family services were held.