

Ralph L. Sharp
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Ralph LaVar Sharp, 85, loved and respected husband, father, and grandfather, passed away June 24, 2011 of natural causes. Born February 6, 1926 in Midvale, Utah to Leonard William and Emma Geneva Norris Sharp. Ralph married Phyllis Norma Jones on November 22, 1950 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Norma passed away September 20, 1993. On October 5, 1994, Ralph married Ann V. VanGend Sharp in West Jordan, Utah.

An active member of the LDS Church, Ralph served in several leadership positions. He lived in Samoa for seven and one half years which included a two and one half year proselyting mission, three years in the LDS Church Education System with Norma, and a two year MTC Mission, also with Norma. Ralph and Ann served 18 months in the England Leeds Mission during 1997-1998.

Ralph taught school for 33 years, 30 of which were at Midvale Elementary.

He served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II.

Ralph enjoyed many sports, playing basketball and tennis until age 81. He loved gardening and landscaping.

Survivors: wife, Ann; children, Kristine Castro (Roger), Kelvin, Celine Zaragoza (Joe), Julene Back, Wayne (Treena), Eric; step-children, Ronald Vandermyde (Marsha), Jane Bowman (Mel), Carrie Clark (Dimitri); 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren and nine step-great grandchildren; sisters, Donna Tucker and Marvella Newbold. Preceded in death by brothers, Dean, Norris, Willis, Don, Kenneth.

Funeral services for Ralph will be held Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 12 Noon in the LDS Stake Center, 97 West 7500 South. A viewing will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at Goff Mortuary 8090 South State from 6-8 p.m. and on Thursday at the stake center from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Interment, Larkin Sunset Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the LDS Church Humanitarian Fund.

The family expresses thanks to the Doctors and Staff at the VA Medical Center in Salt Lake City, and to Superior Hospice for their tender care.