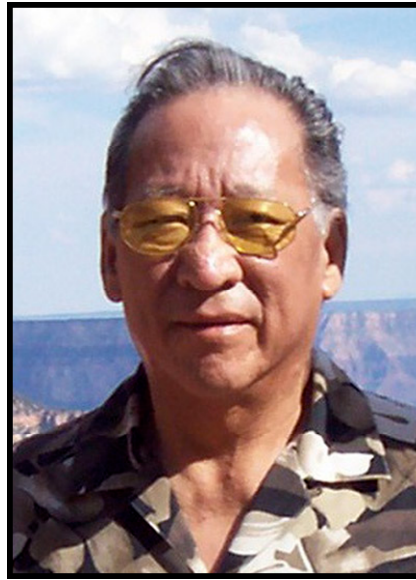


**Russel T. Miyagishima**  
**"Russ"**



Russel Takeshi Miyagishima passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the age of 72 surrounded by his family and friends. Born August 13, 1938 in Copperfield, Utah, he was the youngest of 4 children born to Chotaro and Tsuyako Miyagishma.

Russ lived his entire life in the Salt Lake area, graduating from Bingham High School and working until his retirement at the Kennecott Coppermine.

Russ married Peggy V. Wilcox in 1955 and together they had 5 children; they were later divorced.

Russ is survived by 4 children: Rushell (Lanny) Bevan, Teresa (Jeff) Deal, Kent (Sonny) Miyagishima, Michael (Theresa) Miyagishima; 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 1 great, great grandchild; sisters, Amy (David) Gonzales and Martha (Ludwig) Blaimer; 8 nieces and nephews. Russ's extended family included: his companion in life, Deidra "Dee" Aguilar; children, Tony (Christine) Aguilar and Melissa (Ed) Maroon; and 8 grandchildren. Russ was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Miyagishima; and daughter, Jody Miyagishima.

Russ cared deeply for his family and will be dearly missed.

At Russ's request, in lieu of flowers and services, donations can be made to: Utah State Services for the Blind "In Memory of Russ Miyagishima," 250 North 1950 West, Suite B, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

A small family memorial in honor of Russ's Birthday will be held at the Golden Corral on Fort Union at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 13th.