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Marion, Idaho

Robert R. Matthews



Burley

Robert R. "Bob" Matthews, 77, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, from complications following open heart surgery.

He was born Feb. 3, 1926, in Oakley, Idaho, the son of Walter H. and Lera Louisa Millard Matthews. He received his education in Oakley, graduating from Oakley High School in 1944. He then served in the United States Army during World War II, being stationed in Korea. Upon his honorable discharge from the service, Bob attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, on a full ride football scholarship. He graduated from the U of U with a bachelor's of science degree in 1951. He then taught and coached for three years in Oakley, and for one year at Burley.

He married Elaine Severe on Aug. 14, 1959, in Oakley. They lived in Jerome, for three years, where Bob taught school and was the Jerome High School head football and track coach. In 1962, they moved to Burley, where he continued his career teaching math and coaching. While at Burley High School, he served as the athletic director, retiring in 1987. Although he taught school, he also farmed and ranched in Oakley, with his father and brother.

A lover of sports, Bob refereed basketball and football for many years. In 1990, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association, and was also inducted in the Idaho High School Activities Hall of Fame.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed fishing, participating in sports and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Elaine of Burley; his two children, Douglas Robert (Wendy) Matthews of Pocatello, and Terri Matthews of Burley; four grandchildren, Katie, Emily, Adam, and Tessa Matthews; and his siblings, Bill (Mary Lou) Matthews of Burley, Lou Matthews of Oakley, and Barbara (Richard) Bryan of Los Altos, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave., with Bishop Alan Gerratt officiating. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

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