

OBITUARIES

Dwight "Rip" Ripley, 74

Dwight "Rip" Ripley, 74, a long-time resident of Nampa, ID, died at his home Nov. 2, 2002, surrounded by his family. Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise, ID. Services were performed by Dr. Joseph Dorociak of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Rip was born July 12, 1928, in Lake City, Iowa to William S. and Mabel Ripley. His mother died when he was 2 years old and he was raised by his father and step-mother Georgia H. Ripley. He grew up in Iowa, attending grade school and high school in State Center.

He graduated from State Center High School in 1946. His parents operated a grocery store in the community for many years.

He graduated from the University of Iowa in June of 1950 with a bachelor's degree in business and a major in accounting. He sat for the CPA exam in November of 1950 and passed the entire examination the first sitting. In 1946, shortly after Rip started at the university, his parents moved to Idaho. He would later join them in that state to begin his accounting career.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in December of 1950 and served

during the Korean War until September 1955. He was a navigator and flew 45 combat missions in Korea, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Bravery and the Air Medal with two clusters. He returned to Nampa in 1955 to continue his accounting career with R.L. Jones.

He married Delores Nielsen and had three daughters. In 1970 he married Ramona Blanksma and had two more daughters.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona of Nampa; five daughters, LeAnn and Tom South, and their three children Alyson, Greg and Kate; Christine and Tom Bixler of Twin Falls, and their three children, Scott, Angela and Julie; Lisa and Chris Eads of Estacada, Oregon, and their two children, Andrew and Anne; Debra Long of Boise and her two children, Sarah and Rebekah; Robin and Prescott Stewart of Meridian and their three children, Audra, Andrea and Alexander; a brother, Maurice McClue and wife, Rose, of Emmett; and a sister, Jean Conkin of Fresno, CA.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 403 12th Ave. S, Nampa, ID, 83651.