OBITUARIES

Carl August Cossairt, 94



Carl August Cossairt, 94, of Naples, Idaho, died Feb. 7, 2004 at Autumn Wind Residence Center in Caldwell, Idaho.

Carl, the sixth of seven children of Henry and Marry Addie Long Cossairt, was born Aug. 20, 1909 in a log house on their Highland Flats homestead above Naples.

In 1930, Carl married Kari Evelyn Krogseth of Naples. Carl and Evelyn had four children, each of whom married their Bonners Ferry High School sweethearts and to each of these unions were blessed of three children. Marilyn (Dr. Jerry Bauman) and Michael Cossairt (Thea Bardsley) raised their families in Caldwell; Audrey)Donald Spalding) in Bonners Ferry and Wand (Collins Lefebvre) in Vancouver, Wash. Evelyn passed away in 1961, at the age of 49.

Carl married Ruth Lorraine Washburn Nieman of Porthill, Idaho in 1963. She became the beloved "Grandmother" to Carl's 32 progeny in addition to her own. Lorraine's three sons, Bill (Jackie Plymale) of Cottage Grove, Ore., Joe of Sandpoint and Stewart (Ginger Wilson) of Spokane became as Carl's own and added their own three generations of family. Carl knew and loved each of his extended family.

From the age of 12, Carl played violin for dances, entered fiddling contests and jammed with local musicians. He worked the woods and lumber mills in Boundary County until his retirement in 1974.

He and Lorraine loved to fish and travel and spent many happy winters at a spa in California, returning to their hillside home in Naples each spring to plant a garden and take many visitors over the hill to fish in their pond.

Friends and family expected music whenever Carl was around; at Autumn Wind he often played the piano and the residents sang along.

Carl is survived by his wife, Lorraine of Naples; his four children and their spouses; his three step-children and their spouses; his only living sibling, Lloyd Cossairt, age 92 of Moscow; and numerous grand-children, great-grandchildren, great great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Evelyn; his granddaughter, Susan Bauman Jorgensen; two brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held in Bonners Ferry at a later date. The notice will be put in the Bonners Ferry Herald.

Cossairt memorial service Aug. 6

Memorial service for Carl A. Cossairt, who passed away Feb. 7, 2004, will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 2004 at Grandview Cemetery. A potluck dinner at the Lorraine Cossairt home in Naples will follow after the service.

Everyone is welcome.