

Frank and Viona Kuntz



Frank W. Kuntz, 95 and Viona L. Kuntz, 88, both of Bonners Ferry, Idaho (formerly of Lone Jack, Mo.), passed away, Friday, April 2, 2004 at Gila Bend, Ariz. They celebrated 69 years of married life December 29, 2003.

Frank was born in December of 1908 in Correctionville, Iowa to Louis and Hazel Kuntz and was the eldest of four children.

Frank retired as an electrical high voltage power line maintenance lineman in the northwest area for the Bonneville Power Administration in Redmond, Ore in 1972. Also, he previously worked on transmission line construction in the northwest, Nevada and California. Both he and Viona returned to Bonners in 1972 to live on his parents' farm in District #2. In 1981 they both moved to Lone Jack, Mo. for a period of seven years and then returned to Bonners Ferry.

He was a member and Elder of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS) and served as Pastor of the RLDS church for nine years and later the Bonners Ferry Restoration Group of the Church of Jesus Christ for a period of more than 13 years.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

Viona was born in August of 1915 in Beaver City, Neb. to Perry and Pearl Everhart. Viona was the third of nine children and as a young girl moved with her parents' family to Bonners Ferry. She was an outstanding homemaker and worked outside the home part time during various periods of her married life. She was active in her school years in opening the local Bonners grade school, and on many occasions building the stove fire.

She was later very active in local grange while living for three years in Deer Park, Wash. She enjoyed painting and loved flowers and always had a small garden, at one time supplying

the local grocery store with hand picked peas. Many would come to the home to purchase sweet corn and tomatoes. She was a member of the RLDS church and supported her husband throughout his ministry.

Viona was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, and one sister. Surviving is one sister, Winona Hill of Ephrata, Wash. and a brother, Marvin Everhart of Chewelah, Wash.

Both Frank and Viona's survivors include one daughter, Janet D. Herron of Kent, Wash. and husband Bob; and Gary L. Kuntz of Independence, Mo. with his wife Judy. They also have five grandchildren, Christopher Roberts of Puyallup, Wash., Megan Dauber of Covington, Wash., Becky Herron of Issaquah, Wash., and Jared t. Kuntz of Independence, Mo.. and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Friends of the Restorium, The Bonners Ferry Senior Hospitality Center, and the Fry Foundation.

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