

Alva Earl Stanley, 81

Alva Earl Stanley, 81, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, at his home after suffering a stroke.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, at First Baptist Church of Bonners Ferry. A graveside service will follow at Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry.

Alva was born on Oct. 5, 1917, to James and Gladys Stanley in Lockwood, Calif. He attended Plyato School in

Lockwood and later moved to Cambrea, Calif., to attend high school.

After finishing school, he worked as a ranch hand/cowboy in the King City, Calif., area.

In 1946, Alva met his bride of 62 years, Winnie Louise Wells. They were married in Reno, Nev., and lived on a ranch in Bryson, Calif., where they raised their children Jim, Barbara, Gordon, Bob and Carol Ann.

Alva worked for Hunter Liggett Military reservation as a heavy equipment operator during the 1950s-'60s. He retired with 20 years of Civil Service.

Alva's stories included those of many hours spent on his dozer fighting California wildfires.

In 1974, Alva and Winnie relocated to Albany, Mo., where they farmed and lived until moving to Boundary County in 1993.

Alva was a member of First Baptist Church, where he faithfully attended. He saw a need in his life for the savior and accepted his free gift of salvation.



Alva had a deep love for God, family and the mountains in which he was blessed to live. He enjoyed watching the deer and wild turkeys from his home on the North Bench. Hunting and fishing were a part of his life. One of his fondest memories was when he drew a tag and bagged an Idaho bull moose.

Alva is survived by his wife; sons Gordon Stanley of Bonners Ferry and Jim Smith of Los Molinos, Calif.; daughter-in-law Marlene Stanley of Bonners Ferry; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, children Barbara, Bob and Carol Ann; four brothers; a daughter-in-law; and a grandchild.

Dad and Grandpa you will be sadly missed, but we know Heaven's splendor is now in your sights.

Family and friends can sign Alva's book at www.bonnerrferryfuneralhome.com. Bonners Ferry Funeral Home handled arrangements.