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## Charles Clair Widener, 72



Charles Clair Widener, 72, passed away on June 7, 2003 at the Life Care in Sandpoint, Idaho. Graveside services were held on Wednesday June 11, 2003 at 11a.m. in the Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Charles was born on Nov. 22, 1930 in Lisco, Nebraska to Lovell Robert and Marjorie Anna (Knaggs) Widener.

He attended schools in Nebraska. In 1948 he moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho where he lived with his uncle Norris Pinkerton and worked on various farms in the Kootenai Valley area.

On June 3, 1956 he married Anna Bruce in Bonners Ferry. In 1959 they purchased a farm

in the Copeland area where they raised hay and wheat. He also worked for Conrad Chisholm's and Frank Vinion's farms.

In 1962 he went to work for the Boundary County School District 101 as a school bus driver and in 1973 he also worked as a janitor at the Mt. Hall School. The last few years before retirement he quit driving bus and continued as a janitor. He retired from the school district in 1993.

Over the years he loved the time he spent farming and enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren to love the land. He also spent many hours camping and fishing.

Survivors include his wife Anna Widener at the family home, two sons Arthur Widener and wife Gloria, Ross Widener and wife Jeanette, grandsons Tyler Joshua Brandon and Byrant and granddaughter Jordan. He is also survived by several cousins including a very special cousin Larry Pinkerton and wife Marjorie.

He was preceded in death by his father Lovell Widener and infant brother Lovell.