

## Wilford Alma Wiseman (1926 - 2016)

### Obituary

Wilford Alma Wiseman

October 22, 1926 - January 6, 2016



Wilford Alma Wiseman, 89, a resident of Barstow for 62 years, passed away quietly in his home in the early hours of January 6, 2016. He was born on October 22, 1926 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was the eldest child of Francis William Wiseman and Edith Marie Langton Wiseman. On January 29, 1953 he was married to his first sweetheart, Ruth Jensen, in the Salt Lake City, Utah LDS Temple. They moved to Barstow that September, where they raised their six children. In 2005 he lost his beloved Ruth in a car accident. He was blessed to be married again in 2007 to Beryl (Topsy) Evans, who he had met 60 years previously in Australia. Wilford served a mission for his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Sydney, Australia in 1947-1949. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in 1952, and in 1963 received his master's in Speech from San Fernando State College, California. He began his teaching career in Barstow in 1953, beginning with 8th grade, and after 5 years moved on to Barstow High School, where he taught for 13 years. He then began teaching at Barstow Community College, where he taught Speech, Anthropology, Archeology, and Communications, among other things. He retired in 2002, at the age of 76. He loved his students and he loved teaching. Wilford also enjoyed woodwork, construction, and fixing things. He doubled the size of their family home and set up a workshop so he could build more things. He was also a great storyteller and especially loved sharing this talent with his grandchildren as they gathered around him. His greatest love besides his family was his church work. He held many callings in his church throughout the years and thrived in his opportunities to serve. He loved his Savior, Jesus Christ, whom he tried to emulate in his compassion, care, and service to others. Wilford is survived by his

loving wife, Topsy; children Ruth Ann Wheelwright (Ross), Karen Rowley (Don), Mark Wiseman (Mary Anne), Sheri Sherwood (Dave), Becky Ballstaedt (Dan), Bonnie Wiseman; his sisters, LaVonne Watkins, Sharon Boggs; 32 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and his great grandchildren Clarissa Ruth Wheelwright, Cody Ross Phipps, William Scott Phipps; his sister Colleen Payzant, brother Ronald Wiseman, and his parents. A public viewing will be held Friday, January 15, 2016 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Mead Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road. A funeral service will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 11:00 a.m at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2571 Barstow Road, with a viewing from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road. His son Mark will dedicate his resting place. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the LDS Humanitarian Aid Fund.

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