



William Thomas "Bill" Howells

William Thomas Howells aka "Bill" "Grandpa Duck," age 82, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed to his next calling after an intense but blessedly brief struggle with cancer. He was born on July 5, 1925 in Allentown, Pennsylvania to Thomas Howells and Mary Agnes Dugan.

At 17 years of age, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for four years. He graduated from Pennsylvania Military College in 1949, with a BS in Civil Engineering.

He enjoyed his work on highway construction in Nebraska and Arizona. While he was working on the Virgin River Gorge Project, he met and married his beloved wife, Zella. He was the Coconino County Engineer in Arizona for 12 years and later he was Director for the Pima County Dept. of Transportation and Flood Control District in Tucson, AZ. He and Zella moved to Washington, Utah for their retirement years.

Bill has been an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he held numerous positions including Bishop, High Councilman, Temple Ordinance worker at St. George and Manti. He also served a work service Mission at the LDS Employment Center in St. George.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Zella; nine children, his daughter and her husband, Glenda and Jim Clifford of Ivins; son and his wife, Michael and Maggie Howells of Taylorsville, Utah; daughter, Janet Lehr of Mesa, AZ; son and his wife, John and Julie Howells of Washington, UT; daughter and her husband, Alene and Alan Catlin of Golden, CO; son, James W. Howells of Springdale, UT; daughter, Beverly Williams of Richfield, UT; daughter, Shirlee Tapia of Mesa, AZ; son and his wife, Thomas and Julie Howells of Tucson, AZ. He is further survived by his 38 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren, as well as three feline family members. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jack and Jim.

The family would like to thank Southern Utah Homecare and Hospice for their help and support.

The family suggest memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society in Bill's name, 1599 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, (800) ACS-2345.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington Main St. Chapel, Washington. Visitations will be held Monday, October 29, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Spilsbury Mortuary, and again Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. prior to services at the Chapel. Interment will take place at the Washington City Cemetery.

Arrangements are made under the direction of **Spilsbury Mortuary**, 110 S. Bluff St., St. George, UT (435) 673-2454.