

J. Wesley Crowther

MALAD - J. Wesley Crowther, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away rather suddenly Monday, September 10, in Malad, Idaho, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Salt Lake City December 2, 1929, to Norman Weston and Gwenfred Jones Crowther. Other than time away at college, serving in the Air Force and serving two missions, he was a lifelong resident of Malad, Idaho, graduating from Malad High School in 1947. He continued his education at Utah State University, receiving his bachelor degree in 1952, before moving on to George Washington University Law School on an academic scholarship.

He married Laura Mae Emery June 11, 1955, in Windsor, Maine. Their marriage was later solemnized in the LDS Salt Lake Temple June 25, 1957.

After graduating in 1955 with his law degree, he and Laura moved to Mather Air Force Base, where he served as a member of Judge Advocate General (JAG). He then returned to Malad, where he practiced law for over 30 years in both Malad and Preston. In 1985, he was appointed as a magistrate judge for Oneida County, where he served until 1997.

Following the death of his wife, Laura, to whom he had been married 44 years, Wesley married Barbara Shipp Waldron on July 6, 2001, and was grateful for her companionship the remaining years of his life.

He was a very accomplished musician with expertise playing both the piano and the organ. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in numerous church callings including bishop, missionary and most recently as a host at the LDS Conference Center.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Jim Crowther (Gloria), Pocatello, Idaho, and Randy Crowther (Debbie), Hyde Park, Utah; and two daughters, Diane Roylance (Thom), Lindon, Utah, and Carol Ann Rasmussen (Chris), Centerville, Utah; 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He is also survived by Barbara's three children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Laura, his sister, Helen Crowther Condie, and nephew, Steven Condie.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at noon in the Malad LDS Second Ward Chapel, 100 W. 20 S. Friends may visit with the Crowther family on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Horsley Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N., and again at the funeral home on Saturday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will follow in the Malad City Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.horsleyfuneralhome.com

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