Vernal J. Black

January 8, 1921 ~ September 26, 2013

Vernal J. Black, 92, of Sandy, died Sept. 26, 2013.

He was born to the late William Shirley and Verna Johnson Black, Jan. 8, 1921 in Ammon, Idaho. Vern graduated from Brigham Young High School, Provo, in 1938. He served in the US Navy Aug 1942 to May 1946. He completed a BS degree in accounting at Brigham Young University, in 1947. He was employed as an accountant at Standard Oil and Pepsi Cola.

Vernal was married to Wanda Cummings Black (deceased) and to LaRee Matthews Black, his partner for 36 years. He is also survived by children: John Black (Seattle); Kathleen (Christopher) Gamble (SLC); and Lisa (Robert) Bruce (Hansville, WA). He had 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by son Richard (Judy) Black (Eugene, OR); and siblings: William Shirley Black Jr; Karl Black; Nyta Giles; LaVeive Breckenridge; Maurice Black; and Herman Black.

Vern was a gentle, intelligent man. He loved oil painting Utah landscapes, teaching oil painting at senior centers, and fishing with his small boat on Strawberry Reservoir. He also enjoyed playing tennis, shooting pool, and skiing.

A graveside service is scheduled for Monday Sept. 30th at 1:00 pm at Larkin Sunset Gardens 1950 East 10600 South Sandy, UT. After the service an open house (1:30-4:00 pm) will be held at the clubhouse for Alta View Estates Senior Community.