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So peaceful now running with Ross, his twin, in fields of gold, Reed Thomas passed away November 7th at Spring Gardens Senior Living in St. George, UT from complications due to diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Reed and his twin Ross were born in Rexburg, ID, January 4th, 1934 to parents Lorin Henry Thomas and Margaret Parker Thomas. Early years were spent in Teton, ID, then moved to Midvale, UT, for 9 years where Reed went to Joaquin Elementary School.

Teen years were spent in Provo, UT with his mother and stepfather Clyde Lancaster, and stepsister, Gayle Conlon. Sports that he was involved in were football, basketball, and track and field. Coach Lob Cullens was a great influence during this time. Reed and Ross moved to St. Anthony, ID to live with his grandparents where he graduated from South Freemont High School in 1953. Joined the army (Korean conflict), and then served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Denmark.

In 1958, Reed worked as a security guard at the Salt Lake Temple. He spent years working at the Tooele Army Depot: Security guard, Sergeant (1981) Hazard Waste Management Program (1988), Chemical Plant Operator (1992), Security Systems (Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System, escorting Russian agents, 1994). 1983 schooling at Quantico, VA, F.B.I. Academy. Reed coached fast pitch girl's team, and won Utah State Championships Western Regionals in Flagstaff, AZ. Record 31-02. In his later years, Reed

worked at Provo City Parks where he maintained the ball fields, and took great pride in that job. Reed was unfailingly cordial and considerate in all his relationships, and was respected and loved by family and friends.

On June 24, 2002, Reed and Dee were married in Dee's backyard, East Millcreek area. In 2004, they moved to St. George, UT and both were involved in the Senior Games. Reed, an avid BYU fan, with Dee, and avid Utah fan. The families would like to express their appreciation to Beehive Assisted Living, Liz, Mark, Kathy, Amy, and Britney, and the great care from Spring Gardens Senior Living, especially these last few weeks. Reed's motto: "Stand steady and see it through."

Reed is survived by his: wife, Dolores (Dee) Briggs; Reed's children, Sherrie (Alan) Haertel, Tina (Simon) Villanueva, and stepdaughter, Michelle; also stepchildren, Robert (Julie) Briggs, Luanne (Scott) Savage, Mark (Chris) Briggs, Wayne (Val) Aldrich, Kay (Rick) Berry, Curtis (Cristie) Briggs; 13 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; 28 step-grandchildren; 37 step-great-grandchildren; and 4 on the way!

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 11:00a.m. at the Sunset 11th Ward LDS Chapel, 82 N. Dixie Dr., St. George, UT. A visitation will be held from 10:00 until 10:45 prior to the service. Interment will follow at the Tonaquint Cemetery with full Military Honors.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SereniCareofStGeorge.com. Arrangements are under the direction of SereniCare Funeral Home of St. George, 986-2085.

Cemetery Details

Tonaquint Cemetery

1777 S. Dixie Drive
Saint George, UT 84770

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sunset 11th Ward
82 N. Dixie Dr.
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Service

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