

Jack Witherspoon



Jack Witherspoon, 79, of Aquilla, Ariz., and formerly a Twin Falls resident, passed away Friday morning, April 14, 2000, from a stroke at his home in Aquilla, Arizona.

He was born on September 13, 1920, at Commerce, Oklahoma. In 1930 he moved to the Twin Falls area where he resided off and on for fifty years.

During 1940 he was one of President Roosevelt's 50,000 pilots in a year program. Jack joined the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served until 1945 where he instructed new naval pilots to fly instruments in the Link trainer.

Before the war ended he applied and was accepted for naval pilot training. Jack returned to Idaho, drew and developed a farm at Hunt. During that time he also went into the electrical business, and became a master electrician and opened The Electrical Equipment Company. He built electrical panels for deep well pumps and was instrumental in the development of deep welts for irrigation in northern Nevada and in Idaho.

Jack designed and built electrical plants at Clarendon Hot Springs southwest of Sun Valley and Kitty's Hot Springs southwest of Rogerson. He also developed farm land in Edgington, northwest of Bruneau where he farmed for several years.

Jack enjoyed rebuilding sailplanes and airplanes. He was a member of the Twin Falls Flyers and Soaring Society.

Jack married Bea Armour on March 13, 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Bea; one son, Aaron (Janet) Witherspoon; two daughters, Theresa (Mike) Long and Robin Randy Williams. Also surviving are four granddaughters, Timbra, Brett, Sarah, Saylor; two grandsons, Tony and Rio.; and one sister, Helen Merritt of Caldwell.

Memorial services will be Held at 2 pm. Wednesday, April 19, 2000, at Jim's Lazy in Aquila Arizona.