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Harry Edward Hathhorn

Harry's journey ended **(insert date and place)**. He was born August 19, 1936 to Charles and Doris (Edmunson) Hathhorn in Cambridge, Idaho.

Early years were on the family ranch near Cambridge. Then a mine near Mountain City, Nevada and mines at Stibnite and Patterson, Idaho. Grade school was in Stibnite and Patterson. High school was in Salmon, Idaho.. He boarded with people, and served in the Army National Guard. Near the end of his senior year he took a freshman girl, LaRue Gibbs, to the prom and they clicked. Qualifying for the Korea GI Bill, and the lure of pilot training influenced him to leave Idaho and Navy ROTC for the Air Force in October 1954. Intelligence exerted priority for top-secret duty overseas. He served 28 months at RAF Kirknewton near Edinburgh, Scotland and 12 months on the Black Sea at Samsun, Turkey living among the locals. He was discharged in December 1958 and reconnected with LaRue. They eloped Valentine's Day 1959 in Pocatello, Idaho nearly five years after the prom date. He received an associate degree in 1961 in the last class of the Weber College junior college era.. Then it was a computer job. He worked nights, attended Utah State, and graduated in 1964. He majored in statistics as the program had the only computer. He enjoyed 34 years programming, marketing, and managing supercomputers in Las Vegas, Nevada; Livermore, California; Richland, Washington; Geneva, Switzerland; Beaverton, Oregon, and Idaho Falls, Idaho. He retired in 1995 from the INEL(now INL) in Idaho Falls. He had a second career as the owner/operator of a motel in Arco, Idaho. Final retirement was 2002 in Jerome County then Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, Idaho in 2024. Activities were organizing Air Force and school reunions, working on his 1951 Kaiser, attending car conventions, building websites, writing travel blogs, and daily walks. He liked teaching the kids to fish, camping, backpacking, skiing, mountain climbing, running, airplanes, learning to fly, computers, RV'ing, Yuma, Arizona, family gatherings, and travel. Puerto Vallarta, Mexico was an annual vacation spot for 30 years. He tried a cruise in 2003, and was hooked for 36. He was in Arco Rotary, and a member of Salmon Elks.

Harry and LaRue were married **67** years. They had 3 children, Kathleen, Brian, and Julie. Survivors are **LaRue?, Kathleen (Gary) Slette, Twin Falls; Brian (Tina Macarillo), Boise; Julie (Matt) Redd, Smithfield, Utah; 8 grandchildren, and ? great grandchildren.** Harry had 2 siblings, Garry (deceased) and Beverly (Tom) Franson, Kennewick, Washington.

He requested no service, and inurnment in the Salmon Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilkes Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls, Idaho.