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## It's Time For The Island Park Fish Fry

The Annual 2014 Island Park Fish Fry is scheduled for the weekend of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at the Buffalo Run RV Park (208) 558-7112.

This has been an "ODD FELLOW TRADITION" for many years (started back in 1969). We had significant increase in local attendance but we are still looking for much more participation from across the state. It will never be the same without you.

The camp ground is in great shape and is improving every year. They also have accommodations those who are looking for a little more "comfort" than those who like to "rough it". There are five cabins currently available (with all the usual "necessities") and they accommodate 6 people. The cabins include one double bed, a hide-a-bed, and a set of bunk beds. To get a look at the cabins and the campground itself you can go to their website at [www.buffaloruncampground.com](http://www.buffaloruncampground.com) and select "Features". Also, for those who wish the more traditional comfort, there are motel accommodations just a half mile from the campground at the Angler's Lodge, (208) 558-9555.

Early campers can plan on a potluck dinner on Friday evening and there will be a meat entrée provided. There will also be the usual "Buckaroo Breakfast" on Sunday morning. The Saturday fish fry itself is a potluck with deep fried fish and scones provided.

Two people have really been going the extra mile for the Fish Fry for the past few years. We want to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to the late Frank Lawyer and our friend Dan Sanow. You have kept the tradition alive and going with all that you have done. Thank you so very much for the time you gave to support the Fish Fry. We would also like to graciously thank Bingham #14 and Home Encampment #13 for their countless years of dedication and support of this wonderful I.O.O.F. experience as well. The deep fat fryers and pancake flippers have been turned over to the Odd Fellow Lodge #88 under the direction of David Goebel. We have big shoes to fill but look forward to the challenge and hard work.

We are looking for all you Idaho campers to continue to rebuild that Odd Fellow Island Park tradition, so we can enjoy the Fish Fry, the fellowship, and all the acquaintances from across the state in that same manner that was founded by Frank Markham, Floyd Hensley, and Amil Johnson back in the 70's and 80's. For questions about the weekend or the event do not hesitate to call David Goebel at (208) 652 7979 or cell (208) 390 7177 or send an email to David. [Goebel@fallriverelectric.com](mailto:Goebel@fallriverelectric.com)



RAMBLINGS FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Well here it is, the middle of April and the Grand Lodge finally got the last of the Annual Reports in so the abstract can be sent to Sovereign Grand Lodge. I just hope that the penalty for being late is not too high. As I've said before, I do not understand a four-hour job taking three months.

I will remind **everyone** to be aware of the **Representative's allowance** when attending the Grand Sessions in August. It is in the 2013 Journal of Proceedings, Resolution Number 2, page 21. Just **remember** that **September** is the time to let Grand Lodge know who your Representatives are so they can be put on the roster for roll call if they want to get any compensation for attending the Session. **Don't forget** to include the name of your new lodge deputy who is selected at that same time in September.

As I travel around the Jurisdiction, I find that we are still short on communication from the lodges with the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge cannot help if it doesn't know the problem. One question = what do YOU want from the Grand Body?

Each lodge has been issued a 2013 Journal. If any Past Grand would like an extra copy, just contact the Grand Secretary and one will be sent to you. The Executive Committee is trying to cut back on expenses so a dividend can be distributed to the members.

The Grand Lodge has the new code inserts available, so you may put in your order anytime. The price this year is \$2.50 plus tax, which is 0.15 to total 2.65 each. Thank you. I would suggest that each lodge send in one order for those who desire them to save on postage. One copy will be sent to each lodge as usual, so don't wait too long.

In FLT,  
Kenny Averill, Grand Secretary

Thank you for all the cards and calls I have received when my husband, my family, my buddy, passed away.

Will always enjoyed being around Odd Fellows and my Rebekah "Family" especially last Assembly when he was surrounded by a group of happy singers,

In F.L.&T.  
Juanita Thomas & Family



# Thank You!

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These donations help to keep our paper in the black and are greatly appreciated.

Marge Harlan, Editor



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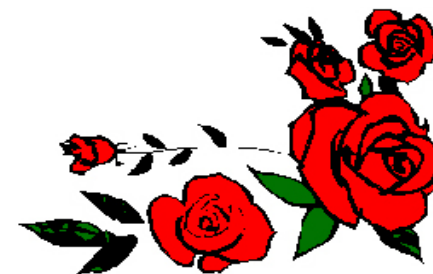
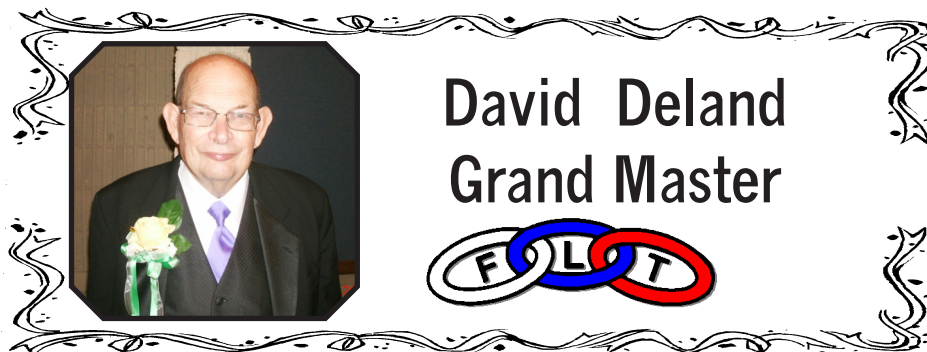
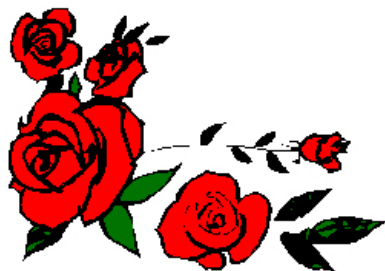
COMING EVENTS 2014

MAY		
03	DISTRICT 7 (REB)	POST FALLS
07	HIST. SOCIETY	CALDWELL 10AM
10	DISTRICT 7 (IOOF)	COUR 'D ALENE
17	PIONEER #1/ROSE #18	IDAHO CITY
JUNE		
07	DIST 2/ REB DIST 2	CHALLIS
14	ENC DEGREE RALLY	BOISE
21	FISH FRY	ISLAND PARK
22	BUCKAROO B.FAST	ISLAND PARK
28	OWYHEE #2	SILVER CITY



To our new members





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been to most of my visitations by now and only have a couple trips up north this month and a few others left to do. I have seen many lodges with great history and a few with the sparks of life just waiting for enough timber to be placed upon them. I do not know how to gather this timber but I will try to fan what chunks of charcoal there are and see if something keeps. I give you a report from Sovereign Grand Lodge on the State of the Order to give you some ideas:

### Standing at the Crossroads of Change

It is self evident that this Order is not what it should be or could be. There have been many programs that were well intended to lead this Order forward, to better serve our members, lodges, and communities. All the words and slogans that have been written and said have had little results in aiding us to become better members and stewards of the Order.

This week we experienced some spirited discussions regarding the consolidation of some of the branches of our Order. These have been passionate and emotional debates, but let us pause and reflect on a few matter about how the Order has come to its present state.

Originally when the Order was founded, there were six degrees of Odd Fellowship, but also we lacked a few other things.

- 1 No Rebekah Lodges or Degrees (written in 1851)
- 2 No Encampment Branch or Degree (written around 1828)
- 3 No Patriarch's Militant Branch or Degrees (written after the conclusion of the US civil war)

We were however, one of the largest Fraternal Orders in the world in the early 1900's so expansion of the Order in affiliated Branches of the Order. This allowed for other opportunities of the member to experience the leadership capabilities necessary for the improvement of the Order as a whole.

Today that structure to our Order has reached a point of unsustainability. Can we effectively spread out the current quantity of membership and maintain the following?:

- 1 Effective use of meetings
- 2 Quality of presentation of our lodge to the public.
  - A. Public displays during parades, civic gatherings or fairs.
  - B. Effectively deliver the "goods and services" to our Order.
- 3 General make our Order look contemporary in the eyes of the general public.

Now, some lodges have the capacity to deliver "High Quality" goods and services to the public, but can this be said for the "Average" lodge? If the answer would happen to be "NO" then what effort would it take to build something better?

Finally, a five-year plan can only be effective when implemented with corresponding plans of action that are coherent, meaningful and reasonably understood by the leadership.

I hope that you ponder greatly on what you want your lodge to stand for and what will help it grow into a healthy lodge.

In F.L. & T.  
David Deland GM



**Project:** Support Local Youth Groups  
**Aim:** Keeping the Odd Fellows from becoming Extinct  
**Colors:** Green and Yellow  
**Emblem:** Enterprise

### Serinity Prayer

Lord, Grant me the Serinity to accept  
things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And the Wisdom to know the difference.



## Kooskia Rebekah Lodge No. 64



Front: LD Shirlene Yates, President Barbara, & NG Jo Piller  
Back: Jean White, Patsy Hunter, & VG Vicky Kiele

The Sisters of Kooskia Rebekah Lodge No. 64 were very honored to welcome our Assembly President Barbara Pettigrew to our lodge on Wednesday afternoon April 2, 2014. There were 23 Sisters present to share in our afternoon of sunshine and lollipops.

Besides Sister Barbara others in attendance were Sister Jean Reineke, Vice President, Sister Vicky Kiele, Secretary, Lydia Chrane, IARA Representative, several Past Presidents were also in attendance. Every year our members look forward to the President's visitations in our area as it gives us all a chance to visit with each other and see how other lodges do things. We held a no host luncheon for Sister Barbara at the Kooskia Cafe, which is owned and operated by three of our Rebekah Sisters, who are second and third generation Rebekahs.

After Sister Barbara's visit to our lodge in the afternoon, several of the Kooskia Sisters, traveled to White Bird that evening for Presidents visit to their lodge. A wonderful time was had by all at both meetings. Thank you Sister Barbara for your wonderful words of encouragement.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Vicky Kiele, Reporter Kooskia Rebekah Lodge

## Mountain Home Lodge #19 Gets 'Grand Speech of Encouragement'

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Grand Master David Deland paid visit to the members of Mountain Home Lodge #19. The Grand Master, from Payette Lodge #22, was accompanied by his wife Merna and brother Charles, also of Payette Lodge #22, as well as his daughter Calista Newman from Pioneer Lodge #1. Prior to the meeting, Mountain Home Lodge #19 paid their respects to the Grand Master and his family at a local restaurant where the thirteen total in attendance enjoyed one another's company and stories.

Calista Newman, Chairman of the Membership Committee, began the open meeting back at the hall by recognizing Mountain Home Lodge #19's three newest members: Linda Hopkins, Jay Eaton, and Kathryn Smith, who all recently obtained their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Calista honored these members by presenting each with a tote bag, hand-painted with the three links, by members of Odd Fellows District #5. She then encouraged lodge members to go out into their community to drum up interest in the Odd Fellows, and therefore more members. She stressed the importance of gaining one-on-one personal interaction through the lodge in a time when most are chatting online. Lastly, Sister Calista reminded members attending the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Odd Fellow celebration to bring a sales pitch describing their lodge so that each can be represented for what makes it special.

Grand Master David then addressed the hall with a rallying round-robin discussion aimed at generating ideas on how lodges can strengthen their memberships. Some of the responses offered by those in attendance focused on how to remind, or show in the first place, the community that the lodge exists in their town. This goal could be obtained by placing floats in local parades, utilizing social media to get attention online, writing articles in the local newspaper, and reaching out to schools. The Grand Master's speech certainly epitomized his slogan of "Changing the World One Person at a Time." Even small lodges can take steps to reach out to their community in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Upon completion of the Grand Master's speech, Noble Grand, Pat Marvin then arose and agreed with the Membership Chairman on the importance of recognizing the hard work of the lodge's members. After thanking IPLAY Chairman, Kathryn Smith, for her dedication to the lodge's musical instrument program, Noble Grand Pat presented Past Grand, Lois Clark, with her Past Grand certificate and jewel. The meeting ended and was followed by refreshments brought by the members of Mountain Home Lodge #19.

In F.L. & T Kathryn Smith, Reporter



## **150th Anniversary Celebration Committee Pioneer Lodge #1**

First off I would like to thank everyone for their donation for the 150th Celebration some of our recent contributors: Portneuf #20, State Association LAPM of Idaho, Caldwell #10, and Gem of the Mountains Rebekah Lodge #5. All of your contributions are greatly appreciated and will help with the event. We are still short on funds for the estimated expenses but do have enough for the bare-minimum using Pioneers funds. Also ticket sales are fairly low right now but of course it is expected that most ticket sales will be the month before the event. Please do not wait until the last minute to buy tickets we will not have enough funds nor an estimate of how many people to plan food for. We will try to have a little extra food but it will help if everyone buys tickets at least by July 4th.

I have heard a lot of enthusiasm from many lodges that will be there with banners and floats, and we have about a little over half of the officers for the Open Meeting. We are still short a Conductor (preferably Rebekah), Financial Secretary (preferably Odd Fellow), a Treasurer (preferably Rebekah), right and left supporters to Noble and Vice Grand (preferably Odd Fellow since they have speaking parts), Right and left Scene Bearers (There are only Odd Fellow Scene Supporters), Past Grand (preferably Rebekah), and a Senior Warden (Encampment). Also the Patriarch's Militant is looking for Flag Bearers and honor Guard for our distinguished guests, so if any of you can still fit into your uniform or might be able to by July please contact George McGaffick. All Officers will receive a free water bottle at the event.

The itinerary for the event will be all persons and vehicles that will be in the parade to meet up at 10:00 am on the far side of Main Street (directions will be sent to lodges at a later date). Everyone that will be in the parade will be lined up by 10:45 am at the latest and the parade will start at 11 am (or there about), at 12 pm the Open Meeting will start (or at least everyone should be there) and around 2 pm the Dinner. There will be entertainment during and after the Dinner. There will be tours of the Building throughout the week before the event and after the Open Meeting.

I hope to see you all at the 150th, and you bring you enthusiasm, your family, your friends and your neighbors to get them excited and interested in our beautiful Order so that we may celebrate many more monumental milestones years to come.

If you would like to purchase tickets and pins please contact me or someone who is selling them in your area. I will mail tickets but pins will cost a little extra if mailed (\$3.00) since they weigh quite a bit, but you can purchase them ahead of time and pick them up at the event or you can purchase them from the Grand Master as he is going through your area.

Any questions or comments call/email/mail

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### **Mountain Home Lodge #19 Honors a Passed Member**

Unfortunately, not all of Mountain Home Lodge #19's gatherings are cheerful. On April 1, the lodge paid their respects at the funeral of long-standing member Francis "Frank" Markham. Frank, who had held many top-ranking offices in the Order, passed away on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many members from various Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges joined the family and friends in attendance at the funeral, grave-side service, and reception that followed in the lodge hall in Mountain Home.

The future of Mountain Home Lodge #19 continues to strengthen as new members join and the lodge embraces opportunities for growth such as those presented in the Grand Master's speech. We encourage all lodges to do what they can to reach out to their communities. Even seemingly simple things such as visiting hospitals or nursing homes, reading to kids at libraries, or hosting a community blood drive are donations of time and love that can mean so much to the recipients. Never forget that a little, really can go a very long way!

In F.L. and T.  
Kathryn Smith, Reporter





## Wilma Mae Hall

November 4, 1918 - February 25, 2014

Resided in San Francisco, CA



Wilma Mae Gilmore - Gunder - Hall went to be with the Lord at exactly 1:05AM on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. She lay peacefully sleeping, surrounded by her family and dear friends throughout her last hours; she was 95 years old.

At 95 years of age, Wilma had a very full life, with lots of love to give to any one who would accept it. She lived in Missouri, California twice, Kentucky and Idaho and had several groups of friends everywhere. She was so easy to please. It took so little to make her happy. She never complained about the hardships of life. She would just say that, that was how it was in those days. She truly appreciated everything in her life and counted herself very lucky. She never exhibited self pity.

See more at: <http://www.duggans-serra.com/obituary/wilma-mae-hall/san-francisco-ca/1350993#sthash.UJHIJlxs.dpuf>

My mom and I both received our last issue of the ODD FELLOW/REBEKAH NEWS. Please click on the below site. My mom, Wilma Hall (27 Nantucket Ave., San Francisco, Ca.) from Garnet Rebekah Lodge 120/Riggins passed away on 2/25/14 at age 95. My husband, David is an Odd Fellow and I am both a Rebekah and Odd Fellow.

We will be having the Idaho service for mom in May followed by a Missouri service and then a Paducah, Kentucky service followed by her burial. Mom had two total knee replacements and two total hip replacements and before those surgeries she would stand on those very painful legs serving food to people at the funerals that our lodge provided. Each year she would go to the Sheep Creek Rest Stop and serve coffee and cookies to weary travelers on long holiday weekends. She baked for every bake sale. She was a faithful and hard working member of our lodge. She was the last member of our family's Greatest Generation and we are greatly feeling our loss.

Phyllis Sieber, Daughter  
27 Nantucket Ave, San Francisco, Ca.  
6303 Hwy 95 South, Pollock, Id.

## In Loving Memory

## Will Thomas

August 22, 1937 - April 3, 2014



Will Thomas, 76 of Salmon, passed away April 3, 2014. Will Howard Thomas was born August 22, 1937 in Robertson, Wyoming to Charles and Estelle Montgomery Thomas. The family moved Salmon in 1943 where he attended school. After graduating in 1955, he worked for the forest service helping build bridges on the Middle Fork.

In 1957, he moved to Gashland, Missouri, where he worked for J.B. McCorkle Angus Farm. In 1958, he married Juanita Traugher of Salmon. They moved to Gooding, where they owned and operated a dairy farm.

Thomas was active as a Gooding County commissioner for two terms, a member of the County Sheriff's Posse and a 4-H leader. After raising his family and retiring, he moved back to Salmon where they have lived for the last 15 years.

He belonged to the Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 5, IOOF of Salmon, where he had been the Noble Grand the past year.

Thomas is survived by his wife Juanita "Nita" of Salmon; three daughters: Patricia (Bill) Dawson of Pendleton, Oregon, Janet (Thomas) Randall of Chubbuck, Cynthia (Nick) Gonzales; Son John (Lisa) Thomas all of Kuna; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Edna (Ed) Stauber of Montana, Ann (Jerry) Hillis of Washington, Jenelle Thomas of Salmon; one brother: Lynn (Heather) Thomas of Salmon; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Estelle, two siblings and his stepmother, Virginia.

Funeral services were held at the Jones & Casey Funeral Home in Salmon April 8, 2014. Burial was in the Salmon Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the charity of choice.





## General Frank Markham 1922-2014

Passed away peacefully at a hospital in Boise, on March 22, 2014, at the age of 91, which according to him was "a long time".

Frank was born October 12, 1922 in Seaside, Oregon, to Percy and Lucille Markham. He was the last son of five children. The family moved to Cannon Beach, Oregon, and it was there that he learned to play the banjo and began playing in the family orchestra by the age of six.

He was drafted in 1942 and joined the Army. Stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was promoted to Drill Sergeant training troops as replacements for the overseas units. The Army wouldn't send the Drill Sergeants overseas, so he got himself "busted" so he could join the troops. He was shipped overseas to England and was in the Normandy Beach Invasion, advancing across Europe, mostly as a scout behind enemy lines. He was severely injured in Luxemburg during the Battle of the Bulge, and was rescued by an army tank and was placed on the turret of the tank where he helped direct the tank to another location while it was firing mortars at the enemy. He was sent to hospitals in Paris, London, and then to Madigan General Hospital in Tacoma, Washington where he spent the next two years. While recovering (and causing mischief) in Tacoma, he met his wife, Jean Colvin. They were married in January of 1947 and moved to California.

In 1948, Frank and Jean moved to Mountain Home, Idaho, which was closer to Jean's family. He held various jobs, including a shop maintenance position for Morrison Knudsen at Strike Dam while the dam was being built for Idaho Power. Later, when the Air Force Base was reactivated, he was lucky enough to get a job as manager of the Base Exchange. This started a career on Base which lasted nearly thirty years in the 366 Civil Engineering section. Frank retired in 1978.

He continued to play music, usually on the guitar, with his friend Lloyd Fisher who played violin. They furnished the music for the local square dance clubs in Mountain Home and Glenns Ferry. He also played with many other musicians all over Elmore and Owyhee Counties, often only getting home for breakfast since the dancers kept feeding the tipjar to keep them playing.

Frank and Jean have four children, Pat, Janet, Kenny and Gary. The family often enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and visiting relatives. After the children had grown, Frank and Jean continued to camp and travel all over the country, meeting and making numerous new friends.

Frank took up rock hounding during retirement and learned the craft of polishing cabochons and spheres. This had him looking for rocks all over the country. He later mastered the art of faceting gemstones, making and repairing jewelry, and became well known at gem and mineral shows throughout Idaho for his faceting demonstrations. He loved sharing his knowledge of rocks and gemstones with everyone and was a long time member of the Eureka Rock & Gem Club in Mountain Home.

He was also involved with the Mountain Home Senior Center for a number of years and was on the board that helped them obtain the new Senior Center.

Frank is probably more well-known for his membership in organizations and lodges. He was a member of the VFW, joining in Washington in the 1940's and later transferring his membership to Mountain Home Post # 9585. He also joined the Eagles Lodge and the Disabled American Veterans Post and had a lifetime membership to all three. In 1952, he joined the Odd Fellows Lodge in Mountain Home and started a lifelong journey with the Order. He attended his first State Grand Session in 1954, and his first International Sovereign Grand Lodge Session in 1960 as the Sovereign Grand Musician. He was also a member of Idaho Encampment #1 and Columbia #3 Patriarch Militants Canton, and has held Grand Officers positions in all of the branches of the order. He became Department Commander of the Department Council of Idaho in 1975 and began attending the General Military Council (GMC) at the International Sessions at that time. Until a few years ago, he never missed any of the yearly sessions. He was elected Executive Officer in 1981, followed by Deputy General Commanding and General Commanding of the GMC in 1983 where he was installed in Winnipeg, Canada. In 1986, he was elected Adjutant General of the GMC and served in that capacity until 2002, when he was given the honored title of Adjutant Emeritus. During his years in the General Military Council, he traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada, helping Departments in the various States and Provinces. He visited Denmark and Iceland, and instituted a new Canton in Hawaii. In 1990, the General Military Council awarded him the Grand Decoration of Chivalry, the highest award obtainable to a member of the Order. He has also received the Decoration of Chivalry, the Meritorious Service Jewel for his work in the State of Idaho, the Merit Jewel from his home lodge in Mountain Home, and the title of Odd Fellow of the Year by the Grand Lodge of Idaho. In 1970, he gathered a group of Odd Fellows who liked camping and fishing together and started an annual Fish Fry at Island State Park. His "technique" for filleting fish is still unrivaled, and his wife Jean had the best recipe to fry the fish for the annual potluck dinner. It became one of the best gatherings of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the State for over 40 years. And of course, he brought along his music, either playing piano for meetings or entertaining with his guitar and banjo at gatherings. His children were also very involved the fraternal world of Odd Fellowship, traveling alongside with Frank to his meetings and helping to provide musical entertainment with Pat playing the guitar and singing, Janet playing the accordion and later son-in-law Donnie playing the pedal steel guitar and dobro.

His parents, two sisters and two brothers preceded Frank in death. He is survived by Jean, his wife of 67 years; his four children, daughter Pat and husband Donnie Marvin of Mountain Home; daughter Janet and husband Archie Bruce of Illinois; son Kenny Markham of Winchester, Idaho; and son Gary and wife Sandy Markham of Michigan; ten grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren.

A gathering of friends and family was held Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, 500 North 18<sup>th</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to Mountain Home Lodge #19, P.O. Box 314, Mountain Home, ID 83647. All donations received will be presented to the IOOF World Eye Bank.





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