



OBITUARY

Alvin Dean Jefferson

(August 18, 1945 - October 2, 2009)

Alvin Dean Jefferson 64, of Akron, CO passed away on October 2, 2009 in Greeley, CO at the Hospice Care of Northern Colorado. Alvin was born August 18, 1945 at the Victory House in Akron, CO to Kenneth and Mary Ann (Marick) Jefferson. He was the fourth of five sons.

He grew up in the Harrisburg community and attended school there until second grade. After that, he attended the Anton grade school and finished out his career at Akron High School where he attended all four years and graduated with the class of 1963. He continued his education at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO. He then took a spell off to work before enrolling in the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, OK in February 1966. His chosen course of study was an "Airline Service Mechanic" which he successfully completed on March 31, 1967. He graduated with a mechanics license in "Air Frame and Powerplant" and went to work for Beegles Aircraft Services in Greeley, CO.

On Dec 10, 1967 he married Opal Riemenschneider in Akron, CO. They resided in Greeley, CO until May of 1968, at which time he had accepted a job with Frontier Airlines in Denver, CO. They enjoyed flying to various locations, but a few of his favorites were Anchorage AK, Albuquerque, NM, Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN. He often combined business with pleasure as most trips were work related, but always took assignments that provided opportunities to visit family and friends. In 1970 there was a reduction in workforce, so he moved their mobile home to his mom's farm north of Anton, CO where he helped his brothers with the family farming operation. In 1972 he embarked upon his own farming career which started with the purchase of 90 acres, a house and some buildings from his Uncle, Clayton Marick. Eleven years later, they moved one mile to the east (Uncle Vincil Jefferson's homestead) into a new house which he had built with the help of his wife, children, brothers and many neighbors. He lived there until 2008 when he moved to Akron, CO. He loved to try various occupations which included, custom swathing, drilling, a short stint of custom harvesting, driving a semi tractor and trailer over the road and a rural waste management service business to name a few. The latter was his favorite because Opal would ride with him and he enjoyed stopping and visiting with each of his customers. He was blessed with three sons, Harold, John and Alan. He enjoyed watching them grow. He supported them and was always ready to give advice, whether they needed it or not! He loved to play board games of any kind, but tremendously enjoyed ones that allowed him to "bargain" as we often modified the rules to allow for such minor changes. He loved to play cards and a few of his favorite games were Pitch, Gin Rummy, Spades and Cribbage. He also enjoyed playing games with his grandchildren, but always thought that they cheated when he did not win! When he lived on the farm, he enjoyed going to the Anton Café for coffee and cards with the guys and then later to the Anton Coop. He was a member of the Bethel Union Church in Anton, CO.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Opal of Akron, CO; three sons, Harold D. and his wife Shelly of Akron, CO, John A. of Akron, CO, Alan K. and his wife Mandy of Yukon, OK; five grandchildren, Joseph, Maryann and Jacob of Akron, CO, Caid and Kenlea of Yukon, OK; Four brothers, Gary and his wife Wally, Garold, Merrill and his wife Judy, Marvin and his wife Rosalie all of Akron, CO; A host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. He was a loving husband, father, grandpa and a good friend who will be deeply missed. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Akron. Memorial donations may be made to the Bethel Union Church or the Southwest Washington County Fire Department. Brenner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.