

# History of Esther Booth Fox Morgan



Esther Booth was born 28 September 1918 in St. George, Washington County, Utah to James William and Marvel Riding Booth. From her brother's story we learn that the family had moved to their Grandma Lee's house at 434 North 400 West in St. George. He indicates that Esther was born there. After living there for some time they moved to Elmo Adam's house at 500 East 150 South. The family moved around a lot due to their Dad's inability to find a job. *(To the reader, Fred's history presents a more detailed account of the family and where they lived a different times.)*

Esther was the sixth child born to her parents. When she was four years and nine months old her mother died in Lehi, Utah. After her mother had passed away her father was put into the LDS hospital for hernia surgery and the family was split apart. Esther, her sister Elma and brothers Jim, and Shake were sent to live in an orphanage located in Salt

Lake City. Her brother, John, went to live with Rhoda Laub, an adopted sister of her dad's

After Esther's father regained his health, James, Will as he was called, went back to St. George where his sister Emma Larson was living. Through her he met Gladys Wilson, a maiden lady who had a home at 400 East Tabernacle. She and Will were married October 13, 1931 in St. George. The family was brought back together with the exception of Fred who stayed at Caliente, worked and sent money home to keep the family going. Esther's older sister Elma passed away while in the orphanage.

Life was not easy for the family as their father couldn't find a steady job. His only ambition was prospecting. Esther's life at this time consisted of what ever she could do to keep the family functioning. Gladys, her step mother, was crippled so it was up to Esther to do the house work because all of her brothers were required to work outside of the home to keep the family fed.

In 1934 Esther met and married James Arthur Fox from Minersville. Jim Fox was a brother to Alice Fox, married to James Booth, Esther's brother.

Esther and Jim Fox actually introduced Jim Booth to Alice Fox resulting in their marriage in 1935. These marriages resulted in an intertwining of these two families that still exists to this day. Many family gathering were held with both families attending. The histories of the Fox and Booth family members contain some of the same information.

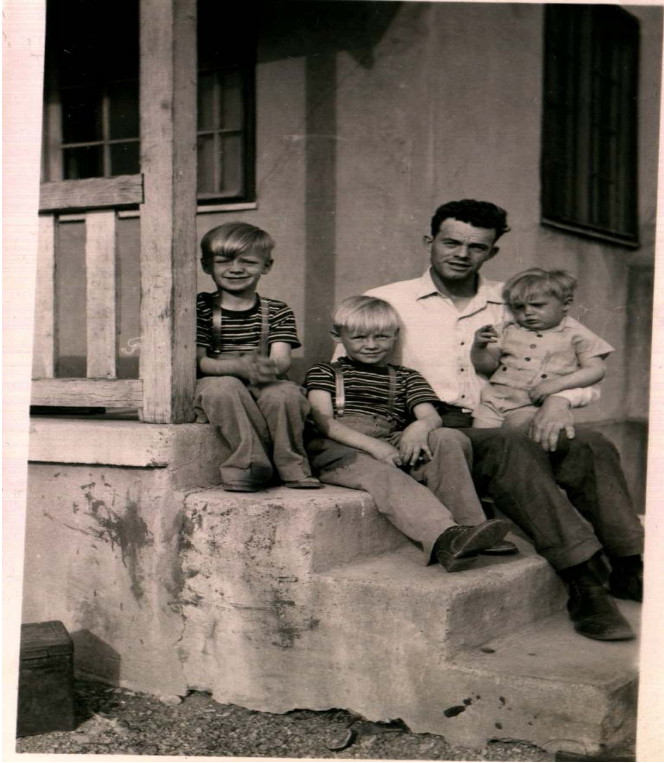
Jim and Esther were married 19 September 1934 in St. George, Utah. It is thought that shortly after their marriage they moved to Tooele, Utah to work in the Bauer mine. Jim's parents, Charles and Ellen Fox, came to Tooele sometime in the early 1935. They came because there was work to be had in working in the mine. Several of the family members either came here or were already here at that time working in the mine. Times were tough and work was hard to find as the depression was still continuing.



James Arthur and Esther  
Booth Fox.



Esther Booth Fox



Jim Fox with his children:  
Monte, Bill and Ned Fox.

They are sitting on the front steps of Grandpa Fox's home in Tooele. At the time the photo was taken they were probably living there and Grandpa Fox had moved back to Minersville.



James Arthur Fox Navy Photo



In their early days they lived in St. George and Tooele. They moved to Tooele sometime around 1935 as Jim's parents came there about that time and they were already there.

Jim and Esther came to Tooele to work in the Bauer mine like others in their family. Work was hard to find during that time. The Depression was still going on and most had a hard time of making a living. Jim worked for the Bauer mine and also had a lease on a portion as did his Father. Jim's lease wasn't as fruitful as his Fathers. Jim had also worked in the Nevada area, mining where he was involved in a cave-in and his back was broken. He suffered for the rest of his life due to illness from mining.

Jim and Esther lived in several places in Tooele. They lived on 100 West street where Jim's parents had bought a second home. On the east side of Tooele there was a housing development called "Edgemont". This was their home for a time. When Jim's parents moved back to Minnersville they took over the home on Vine Street and lived their for a time. While living in Edgemont they received a settlement from the mining company Jim had worked for in Nevada. They use the money to purchase a home on 100 West in Tooele. They lived there until Jim passed away in 21 August 1958.

Shown below are some of the photos of her life and children as they were growing up.



Esther Booth Fox as a young lady. Photo probably taken by her grandfather James Joseph Booth



James Arthur Fox  
Headstone. Tooele  
City Cemetery.



From left to right: John, Esther, Jim, Shake, Rea, and Fred Booth



From left to right: James William Booth, John, Esther, Jim, Shake, Rea Fred Booth



Esther Booth Fox holding Brad Fox taken in front of Fox home on Vine Street in Tooele.





L/R: Bill Fox, Charles Booth, Brad Fox, Monte Fox, Dorrel Booth, Loyd Booth, Ned Fox



Alice Fox Booth holding Charles Booth, Norma Fox, Charles Arthur Fox, Jim Fox at old home on Vine Street.



Dorrel & Loyd Booth, Monte Fox, Bill Fox, Brad Fox, Ned Fox, Charles Booth with large Carp caught at Minersville.



Esther Booth Fox, Charles Arthur Fox, Ned Fox





Monte & Bill fox, John & Charles Booth, Ned & Brad Fox, Janice Booth Taken in Edgemont.



Ellen and Charles Fox,  
Jim Fox, Alice Fox  
Booth taken at old Jim  
Booth home on 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
in Tooele.



Linda Booth, Sharon Fox, Tim Booth



Janice Booth, Bill Fox, Kelly Fox, Tim Booth





Fox and Booth kids taken at Edgemont in Tooele



Ned Fox and Marvelyn Booth take at Liberty Park, SLC

Jim and Esther had seven children one of which died at birth. The first born was James Arthur Fox. He was called Monte Joe by his mother and was called "Monte" by everyone else. He was born 19 April, 1935.



Monte Fox



Monte Fox



Monte Fox and Charles Booth





Monte Fox and Charles Booth



Monte Fox and Charles Booth




Monte married Lillian Henderson 12 December 1953 and later divorced. They had one son Monte Clair Fox who has also passed away. He later married Marilyn Miles in 1958. They also later divorced. They had two children.

Monte and Ramona Thompson were married in 1974. Ramona passed away in 2005 from cancer.

Monte passed away October 12, 2006. He is buried along side Ramona in the Tooele City Cemetery. His and Ramona's obituary are shown below.

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**James Arthur  
Fox**  
(Monte Joe)



James Arthur (Monte Joe) Fox, 71, of Tooele, passed away Thurs., Oct. 12, 2006, in Salt Lake City, UT. Monte was born April 19, 1935 in Tooele to Esther Booth and James Arthur Fox. He went to school in St. George, UT and Tooele. Served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1958 as a M.M. also served in the Korean War. Worked for Tooele Army Depot as a security guard, and Camds as a chemical plant operator, where he retired. He married Lillian Norene Henderson, Dec. 12, 1953. They had a son, Monte Clair Fox, they later divorced. He then married Merrelllyn E. Miles Nov. 17, 1958. They had two children, Debra Lynn and David James Fox. They later divorced. Married Ramona Juanita Thompson May 24, 1974 in Elko, NV. Monte enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting, BBQing pigs with his brothers. Enjoyed his summer home in Manila, UT.

Survivors include his children, Debra (Todd) Nixon of Evanston, David (Tammi) Fox, Grantsville, Rick Jackson SLC, UT, Billy (Wendy) Jackson W.V.C., UT, Terry Jackson, Lori (Troy) Roth of Tooele. Monte had 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren. Brothers, Bill (Jan) Fox, Brad (Donna) Fox, Ned (Sue) Fox; sisters, Denise (Joel) Little, Frances (Kip) Bowen; many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his wife, Ramona J. Fox, son, Monte Clair; parents, Esther Booth Fox Morgan, James Arthur Fox, Francis (Dude) Morgan; sister, Sharron Fox.

Viewing will be Tues., Oct. 17, 2006 at Tate Mortuary, 110 So Main St., Tooele from 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Wed., Oct. 18th, 11:00 a.m. with a viewing one hour prior to services at Tate Mortuary. Burial will be in the Tooele City Cemetery.




**Ramona Fox**  
**1938 - 2005**

Our loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Ramona J. Fox, passed away Sunday, Feb. 13, 2005, at home surrounded by family. Born Oct. 30, 1938, to Clara M. Barney and Leonard J. Thompson in Gunnison.

Married Arthur J. Fox (Monte) May 24, 1974, in Elko, Nev. Worked at Tooele Army Depot until retirement in 1990. Loved to dance, fish, camp and enjoyed summers at summer home in Manila, Utah.

Survivors include husband, Monte Fox of Tooele, Rick and Desiree Jackson of Salt Lake City, Billy and Wendy Jackson of West Valley City, Terry Jackson, Lori and Troy Roth of Tooele, David and Tami Fox of Grantsville, Debbie and Todd Nixon of Wyoming; grandchildren, Heather Carson, Meranda Roth, Elizabeth, Ashton, Alex, Autumn Jackson of Salt Lake City, Jeromy, Breanna Jackson, T.J. Jackson, Nick, Stevie Roth of Tooele; three great-grandchildren, Bryson, Brinon Carson, Carlos Herrera Jr., all Tooele; a brother, Eldon Thompson of Roy, Utah. She was preceded in death by her parents and other brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. at the Tooele Third Ward chapel, 141 W. Utah Ave. Friends may call at Tate Mortuary, 110 S. Main St., on Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 6-8 p.m. and 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment Tooele City Cemetery.



Ramona J. Fox

Next born was Charles William Fox. He is known as “Bill” by everyone. Bill was born March 13, 1937. Bill married Jan Bryan and they have several children.



Bill Fox

Esther and Jim next had a son who was still born on 19 July 1939. This son is buried in the Tooele City Cemetery. Grave location 9-044-50.

Born next to Esther and Jim was Neddy Rae Fox, known as Ned to everyone. Ned served a mission for the Church of Jesus Crist of Latter Day Saints in Australia. Shown below is a copy of his Missionary Farewell Program.



MISSIONARY IN THE FIELD

ELDER KAY SEDAR  
Australian Mission



"... I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them."

—1 Nephi 3:7.

## *Farewell Testimonial*

in honor of

*Elder Neddy Ray Fox*

son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Morgan

prior to his departure

for the

AUSTRALIAN MISSION

to be held in the

NORTH TOOELE THIRD-SEVENTH WARD  
CHAPEL

141 West First North

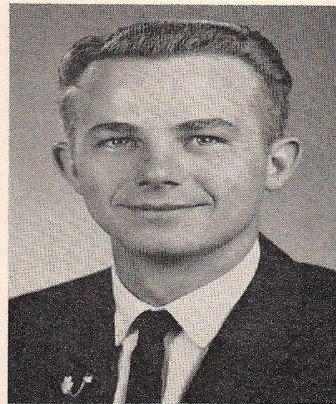
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1961

1:00 p.m.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

## *Program*

Organ Prelude - - - Beverly Lindholm  
Opening Hymn - - - - Congregation  
"Praise to the Man," No. 147  
Invocation - - - - - James Booth  
Sacrament Hymn - - - Congregation  
"The Lord Is My Shepherd," No. 104  
Sacrament Service - - - Aaronic Priesthood  
Remarks - President Sherman A. Lindholm  
Remarks - - - - Mrs. Leo W. Isgreen  
Musical Selection - - - Beverly Lindholm  
Remarks - - - - Marion Bevan  
Remarks - - - James Ivo Christensen  
Vocal Solo - - - - - Joanne Smith  
Remarks - - - Parents of Missionary  
Response - - - - - Missionary  
Closing Hymn - - - - Congregation  
"Let Us All Press On," No. 98  
Benediction - - - - Isaac F. Nielsen  
Organ Postlude - - - Beverly Lindholm



ELDER NEDDY RAY FOX

Mission Address  
Paxton Russell Street  
Wollstonecraft NSW, Australia







Ned Fox



James William Booth with Ned Fox at Middle Canyon Picnic



Ned and Elaine fox with their first born.





Ned and Elaine Fox  
Wedding Photo with Bill  
Fox.



Ned Fox Wedding Phot of  
Dude and Esther.

The next child born to Jim and Esther Fox was Bradley Fox. He was born 17 January 1943. Brad married Donna and they have several children.



John Booth and Bradly Fox riding on a horse built by Jim Booth



John Booth and Ned and Bradly Fox

The next born was Sharon Diane Fox. She was born 4 April 1946.

Sharon grew to a young woman and worked at the Tooele Army Depot as a telephone operator. One day while traveling to work she collided with a delivery truck on the south end of Tooele. She drove a yellow Volkswagen car which didn't provide her much protection. She passed away in the accident and is buried in the Tooele City Cemetery. She was a beautiful young woman and was in the process of getting engaged to a young man who was devastated by her passing.



Linda Booth, Sharon fox, Tim Booth



Sharon Fox



Sharon Fox





Sharon Fox



Sharon fox



Sharon Fox



Sharon Fox Headstone

# Tooele Woman Dies In Car-Truck Crash

A young Tooele woman was killed when her Volkswagen slid into the path of an oncoming truck at 8:51 a.m. Tuesday on U-36 about 300 feet East of its intersection with Coleman Street.

**SHARRON DIANE Fox**, 20, 555 North Parkway, was dead on arrival at the Tooele Valley Hospital. She was driving alone.

Kenneth Ray Chadwick, 32, 3748 Altalona Drive, Salt Lake City, driver of the truck, was taken to the Tooele Valley Hospital for a 24-hour check. He is listed in fair condition.

Officer Delvid Roholt of the Tooele Police Department said the woman was traveling west on U-36 when her car went off on to the shoulder of the road, fishtailing back and forth until it careened back on to the pavement across the center line and skidded sideways into the path of an eastbound Royal Baking Co. truck.

**OFFICER ROHOLT** said that it was a mystery why the victim's car went off onto the shoulder of the road in the first place.

Several members of Tooele County's law enforcement agencies lent their help in the accident. Among those assisting were Sheriff Fay Gillette, Deputies William Pitt and Jim Park, Tooele Police Chief Orvil Hamilton, Officers Delvid Roholt and Dennis Ewing, and Bish White of the State Road Commission and his crew.

**MISS FOX** was born April 4, 1946 at Tooele, a daughter of Esther Booth Fox Morgan and the late James Arthur Fox.

She had attended Tooele schools and was graduated from Tooele High School with the Class of 1964 and was employed the time of her death as a telephone operator. She had formerly worked as a telephone operator in Salt Lake City. She was a member of the LDS Church.

Surviving are her mother and step father Francis L. Morgan, brothers Monte, Bill, Ned and Bradley Fox, and sisters Denise and Frances Fox, all of Tooele.

Funeral services are pending.



Miss Fox



Esther and Jim's last born child was Denise Fox. She was born 9 December 1957. She was just a baby when her dad passed away.

She was married to Michael Hodges and they had two children. They were later divorced. Denise is married to Joel Little. They live in and work in Tooele.



Denise Fox Little



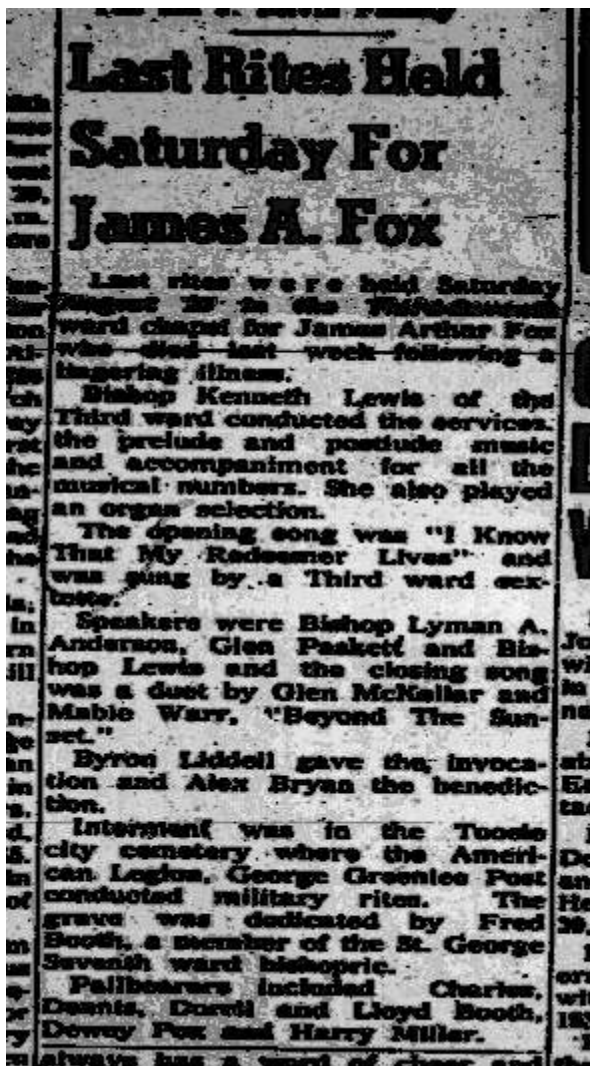
Denise Fox Little



Denise Fox

James Arthur Fox passed away from a illness that was the result of many years spent in mining. He had experienced several cave-ins while working and was injured in some each of them . His lungs were damaged from breathing in the dust and bad air that was prevalent in the tunnels and shafts. Bad air was a fact of life as the ventilation was not very good. He last worked in the Bauer mine, in the Calument workings.

The Calument mine shaft is located in the hills above Stockton and is a shaft that was dug down 1200 ft to intersect with the tunnel coming in from the Bauer opening. Jim was required to take his turn operating the lift which lowered and raised a platform which gave access to the mine thru that opening. Today the opening is covered over with a mesh of rebar so that access to the shaft is limited.





Deer hunting was always a time to get together with the family as was fishing and camping. The photos below are of one such deer hunt in the early 1950's. The photos were taken at the Jim Booth home on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Tooele. *Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to do this again now.*



L/R Leland Stewart, Jim Fox, Robert (Bob)Fox, Jack Miller, Jim Booth









Esther work at the Tooele Army Depot for many years. She worked in th Supply part of the depot as a clerk. It was here that she met Francis L. Morgan (Dude). They were married August 7, 1959.

They lived in the home Esther own on 100 West in Tooele for a short time and then bought a home at 555 North Parkway in Tooele. They sold the home on 100 West to Esther's son Bill.

Later Esther and Dude moved to Stansbury Park. It was here that Esther lived out the last days of her life. She passed away December 26 1993 from the effects of old age.

Dude passed away November 30, 1998 from the effects of cancer.

TRANSCRIPT-BULLETIN

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**OBITUARIES**

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**Esther B. Morgan**

Esther Booth Morgan, 75, beloved wife, mother and grandmother, has passed away.

Esther was born Sept. 28, 1918 in St. George, Utah, a daughter of James and Marvel Riding Booth. She married James A. Fox of Minersville. He later passed away. She married Francis L. Morgan, Aug. 7, 1959.

She was the shining light in the hearts of those she touched. She drew her family together for the last Christmas to smile at her husband of 35 years, five boys and three daughters.

A member of the LDS Church, she retired from the Tooele Army Depot in 1973. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge, loved camping, fishing and dropping coins in the west desert.

Surviving are her husband Francis; daughters: Denise (Joel) Little, Frances Morgan Crowse; sons: Monte (RaMona) Fox, Bill (Jan) Fox, Ned (Jackie) Fox, Brad (Donna) Fox; brothers: Fred (Marie) Booth of St. George, Utah; John (Beth) Booth of Las Vegas, Nev.; Jim (Alice) Booth of Tooele, Utah; Jean Booth of Las Vegas, Nev.

She was preceded in death by daughter Sharron and one son,

**Esther Booth Morgan**



brothers Shake and Rea, and sister Alma Booth.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Stansbury 2nd Ward Chapel (Highway 36 and Erda Way). Viewing will be from 12 noon until the funeral at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

Burial will be at the Tooele City Cemetery.

**Esther Booth Morgan**




Esther Booth Morgan, 75, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, the shining light in the hearts of those she touched, died December 26, 1993. She drew her family together for the last Christmas, to smile at her husband of 35 years, five boys and three daughters.

Born September 28, 1918 in St. George, Utah, daughter of James and Marvel Riding Booth. Married to the late James A. Fox, of Minersville. Married to Francis L. Morgan, August 7, 1959.

Surviving: husband, Francis; daughters, Denise (Joel) Little, Frances Morgan Crowse; sons, Monte (RaMona) Fox, Bill (Jan) Fox, Ned (Jackie) Fox, Brad (Donna) Fox; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving brothers, Fred (Marie) Booth, of St. George; John (Beth) Booth, of Las Vegas; Jim (Alice) Booth, of Tooele; Jean Booth, of Las Vegas.

Preceded in death by daughter, Sharron and one son, brothers, Shake and Rea, and sister, Alma Booth.

Member of the LDS Church. Retired from the Tooele Army Depot 1973. Member of the Eagles Lodge. Loved camping, fishing and dropping coins in the west desert.

Funeral services December 30, 1993, 1 p.m., at the Stansbury 2nd Ward Chapel, Hwy 36 and Erda Way. Viewing 12 noon prior to funeral. Family and friends are invited. Burial will be at the Tooele Cemetery.

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*In Memory of  
Esther Booth Morgan  
September 28, 1918  
December 26, 1993*



*Viewing: 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.*

*Family Prayer: Doral "Doc" Booth*

*Esther B. Morgan*

*Services Conducted by John Poulson Bishop*

- ~ Prelude Music*
- ~ Opening Prayer: John Booth*
- ~ Speaker: Marian Bevan*
- ~ Speaker: Jerry Booth*
- ~ Music: Somewhere My Love*
- ~ Speaker: Tim Booth*
- ~ Speaker: Kelly Booth*
- ~ Speaker: Craig Booth*
- ~ Music: Wind Beneath My Wings*
- ~ Closing Prayer: Robyn Booth*

*Pall Bearers:*

<i>Bill Fox</i>	<i>David Fox</i>	<i>Arthur Fox</i>
<i>Arthur Fox</i>	<i>Travis Fox</i>	<i>Chris Fox</i>
<i>Josh Hodges</i>	<i>Darin Fox</i>	<i>Monte Clair Fox</i>
<i>Jeremy Hodges</i>		

*Honorary Pall Bears:*

*Monte Fox Bill Fox Ned Fox Brad Fox*

*Dedication of Grave: Craig Booth  
Interment Tooele City Cemetery*



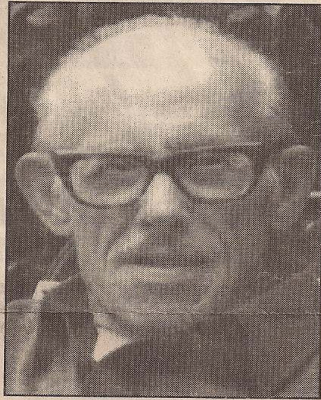
## Francis L. Morgan

Francis LeRoy (Dude) Morgan, born Aug. 19, 1925 to Thomas Llewellyn Morgan and Elizabeth Lilitia Moser in Ophir, Utah, passed away on Monday, Nov. 30, 1998 after a short, courageous battle with cancer in Salt Lake City.

He married Esther (Booth) Fox on Aug. 7, 1959 in Tooele, Utah.

Dude retired from Tooele Army Depot in 1976. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for over 40 years and a member of the LDS Church. Dude loved camping, fishing, dunebuggying, and smoking turkeys. He was a dutch oven cook and enjoyed cooking all his life, for his family at family get-togethers and outings.

He is survived by daughters: Frances Elizabeth Bowen (Kip), of Salt Lake City; Esther Denise Little (Joel), of Tooele; sons: Bradley Fox (Donna), of Stansbury Park, Utah; Neddy Ray Fox, of Salt Lake City; Charles William (Bill) Fox (Jan), of Tooele; James Arther (Monte) Fox (Ramona), of Tooele; sisters: Marie Jakeson, of Nevada; Leona



Francis Morgan

Spurgeon, of Idaho; brothers: Alfred Morgan, of Idaho; George Leo Morgan, of California; and 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther; daughter, Sharron Fox; sister, Ruth Bracken; brother, Earl Morgan; and parents.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. at Tate Mortuary, 110 So. Main St., Tooele. Friends may call at the mortuary on Thursday from 6-8 p.m., and one hour prior to the services on Friday.

Interment will be in the Tooele City Cemetery.

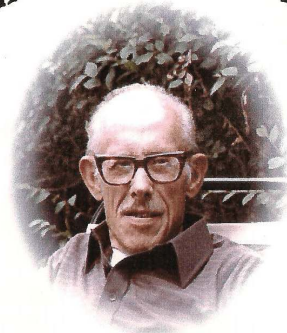
We have lost two very loving parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. They brought us joy at every wonderful occasion and sorrow at their deaths. In their own special way they had a light that could brighten every dark corner in our lives.

The times we felt like there was no one to turn to we knew we could talk to them. When we were sick they were there to make us well. The laughs they had together and those that we shared, we were always together. Now that we can no longer share the laughter and love with them, as the family joins for a birthday, anniversary, or even Christmas and other holidays, we know that they will be missed and loved as time goes on but never forgotten.

The love they gave us and shared for all those years will be forever locked away deep in our hearts.

Christine Hodges  
December 1, 1998

## In Loving Memory



*Francis L. (Dude) Morgan*

Born: August 19, 1925  
Died: November 30, 1998



		<b>Services</b>	
<b>Pallbearers</b>		Family Prayer.....	Tim Booth
Bill Fox, Jr.	Arthur Fox	Prelude & Postlude Music .....	Michelle Davis
Jeremy Hodges	Joshua Hodges	Opening Prayer .....	Arther Fox
Travis Fox	Shawn Fox	Officiating.....	Bill Fox, Jr.
David Fox	Cris Fox	Musical Selection .....	Jennifer VanDyke
		Accompanied by Michelle Davis	
<b>Honorary Pallbearers</b>		Speaker .....	Ned Fox
James Arthur Fox	Charles W. Fox, Sr.	Prayer .....	Robert Kozlowski
Ned Fox	Bradley Fox	Musical Selection .....	Kammeron Toone
Joel W. Little	Kip D. Bowen	Speaker .....	Jimmy Gochis
		Prayer .....	Robert Kozlowski
		Musical Selection .....	Kammeron Toone
		Closing Prayer .....	Bradley Fox
		Interment .....	Tooele City Cemetery
		Graveside Service .....	Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #164
		Dedication of Grave .....	Joel W. Little

Family reunions were a large part of the family getting together later in their lives. These photos shown below are a few take at those family reunions.





L/R Shake, Esther, Fred, Johnny, Jim Booth



L/R Shake & Jean, Dude & Esther, Fred & Marie, Johnny & Beth, Jim & Alice





L/R Johnny 7 Beth, Jim & Alice, Fred & Marie, Shake & Jean



L/R Rea, Esther, Fred, Jim, Shake standing





James William Booth with Grandkids



Dude, Esther and Alice





