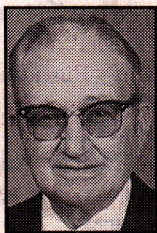


George Murray Webb

ST. GEORGE — After a lifetime of civic and church service, George Murray Webb, 91, passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2006, in St. George.



Murray was born December 21, 1914, to George J. and Annie Isom Webb in St. George, Utah. He married Doris Tobler on November 16, 1940. The marriage was later solemnized in the St. George Temple. To this union were born four children; George Merrill, Kent T., MaryAnn, and Loren Randy Webb.

When Murray was 12, his father died leaving his mother with nine children to raise. To help with the family income, Murray began delivering papers for the Salt Lake Tribune. By age 15, and with his mother's blessing, he took over the family farm in Little Valley, using a team of horses and walking a plow.

He graduated from Dixie High and Dixie College where he competed on baseball and track teams.

In 1938 Murray started the Clear Valley Farm, a dairy which he built into a herd of registered Holstein cows. For several years he sold milk to the St. George Ice Company, then for many years

thereafter, he sold milk to Anderson Dairy in Las Vegas, Nevada. He sold the dairy herd in 1970. While in the dairy business, Murray won a number of honors in Southern

Utah with his registered cow herd and received national recognition six years in a row. He won the Holstein Friesian Association's Progressive Breeder's Award and the Utah Holstein Service Award in 1979.

For several years, Murray played on a St. George baseball team and later helped get Little League Baseball started in St. George. He coached Little League teams, coached Explorer Scout basketball teams, and won the Snow Canyon District Championship in Provo in 1949. He worked with the Explorer Scouts, coached numerous teams of Junior M Men and Senior M Men for the 6th Ward in both baseball and basketball.

Murray has held numerous positions in the LDS Church, including gospel doctrine teacher, Elder's Quorum President, serving in a Bishopric, as a Bishop, High Council, and as a member of the St. George East Stake Presidency. He later served as a front desk director at the St. George Temple. Murray also served in many civic positions, including Washington

County Commissioner for ten years, serving as Chair for six years. As Commissioner, he was over the Health Department and served several years on the hospital board. He was Chair of the successful endeavor to build the Dixie Medical Center, 400 East Campus.

Because of his involvement in the Health Department, he was appointed to the National Association of Counties Health and Education Policy Steering Committee where he served as chair for five years. He also served on the Utah State Governor's Advisory Board. He served on the St. George Valley Canal Company Board of Directors, was President of the Washington County Dairyman's Association, served on the Dixie Escalante Rural Electric Association Board of Directors, served on the Zions Bank of Directors, and the Farmers Home Administration loan Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Webb; his sons, George Merrill (Lynette) of Orem, UT, and Loren (Sharee) Webb of St. George, UT; his daughter, MaryAnn (Dave) Young of St. George, UT; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Murray was preceded in death by his parents, George

J. and Annie Isom Webb; son, Kent T. Webb in 1955, brother, Clarence Webb; sisters, LaVerna Whipple, Vilate Leavitt, Melba Baker, and Norma Abbott.

The family wishes to express thanks to Hospice Alliance, Ridgeview Gardens Assisted Living of St. George, and Bernadette Laub of Irish Cottage Hospice and Care, for their kindness and care of Murray.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 1, 2006, 11:00 a.m. at the St. George LDS 5th & 6th Ward Chapel, 85 South 400 East. A viewing will be held Friday, June 30, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 S. Bluff St., and again on Saturday, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to services at the Chapel. Interment will take place in the St. George City Cemetery. Arrangements are made under the direction of Spilsbury Mortuary, St. George, UT (435) 673-2454.

Friends and family are invited to view obituaries and offer their condolences at www.spilsburymortuary.com.