

OBITUARY FOR LANDON “BUCK” HAFEN FREI

The leaves are falling and so are our tears as we share the sudden passing of our beloved father, grandfather and patriarch, Landon (Buck) Hafen Frei, 95. He was born on January 19, 1916, in Howell, Utah to Vivian Jacob (VJ) and Jessie Hafen Frei. He was raised his entire life in Santa Clara, Utah and came from stalwart, pioneer heritage. Landon attended elementary school in Santa Clara and high school in St. George with his childhood sweetheart, Wanda Graf Frei. He played basket ball, football, and baseball in high school and was an excellent athlete.

Wanda and Landon were married October 16, 1936 and recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. Soon after they were married, Landon purchased a small farm and began raising fruits and vegetables. He began peddling produce to surrounding communities. He was known for his excellent quality of produce and his honesty and integrity. In 1956, Landon & Wanda set up a card table in their front yard and began selling their produce to the travelers of old Highway 91. This was the beginning of the iconic Frei's Fruit Market which is still blessing the lives of passers-by today.

Landon was an avid and skilled fisherman and hunter. If he was not in his garden, you could find him fishing or hunting. He told the best fishing stories—and always brought home tons of fish—sometimes even with the "big one" in tow! His hunting legacy is well known throughout the community as friends, neighbors, and even strangers come to see the infamous "Big Buck" (shot on the last day of the deer hunt, 1969) that still hangs on their wall above the piano.

Landon loved his garden and tenderly cared for each plant he grew, for he knew, it would bear a gift for someone—a family member, a neighbor or a stranger—to enjoy. We have been

blessed by his knowledge and hard work in his garden for many, many years. People still stop and stare at the beauty of his garden. Just last week he planted peas so his family would have them by Mother's Day.

Landon and Wanda loved to be together. They fished, farmed and danced together their entire lives. They could often be seen dancing at the Elk's Lodge where Grandpa was an Exalted Ruler, State, and Local President. His family was his greatest love. He counts them among the greatest "fruit" of his labors. He and Wanda were sealed in the St. George Temple in February, 1988, and we are so grateful to be bound together for eternity. He is preceded in death by his parents and daughter Alicia (stillborn). He is survived by his wife Wanda Graf Frei; his siblings, Howard, Shelby, Victor, Dorothy Lightner, and Phyllis Norton; his children, Loretta Adams, Vicki Lasswell, Dennis & Bryce; 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Thank you for your life, your legacy, and your love. You will be missed.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara 1st Ward Chapel, 3040 W. Santa Clara Dr., Santa Clara, UT. There will be a viewing Wednesday, November 2, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Spilsbury Mortuary, 110 S. Bluff St., St. George, and also Thursday, from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. prior to services at the Chapel. Interment will take place in the Santa Clara Cemetery