



## Arlin Roberts Potter

September 2, 1916 - January 3, 2013

Arlin Roberts Potter passed away early on January 3rd, 2013. He was 96 years old. Born to Alma Lewis and Genevieve Rust Potter September 2, 1916, he married Dorothy Bennion on June 18th, 1946. Arlin is well-known among community, friends, and family as being an innovative thinker, inventor, and one who was always looking for ways to spread the Gospel, educate on pressing issues, and to help people's lives. Many of his many faith-promoting stories are available in his biography, "Bits of Clay", available on request to [kent@benniongroup.net](mailto:kent@benniongroup.net). Over the years, he worked as a rancher, logger, and pioneer; then as an insurance salesman and entrepreneur. In his youth, he served an LDS mission to in the US Southwest (California, Nevada, Arizona). He served under General Patton in North Africa in World War II, and participated in the invasion of Sicily. Mostly self-schooled, he prided himself in saying, "I attended three universities; didn't graduate from any." He and Dorothy enjoyed being active in politics together, hiking, and camping. He raised his children to love the Lord, and to look at life in new ways. As an insurance salesman, he introduced new policies that changed the entire industry. He delighted in building his 'dream home' in California from scratch, and late in life, delighted in being surrounded by "all the precious little children." Arlin was truly 'the last cowboy', and will be sorely missed. He is pre-deceased by daughters Karen (Tom) Schumann, and Jane (Peter, div.) Jenkins. He is survived by daughters Gwenna (Clyde, div.) Gowers aka Gwyneth McNeil, Jolene (David) Clawson, son Kent B. (Nancy) Potter, 21 grandchildren, and 32 great grand children. Viewing will be 6 PM - 8 PM on Friday 11 January. Final viewing 10 AM Saturday 12 January 2013, with Funeral Services 11 AM, at the Pleasant View 1st Ward Chapel (650 E Stadium Ave, Provo, UT 84604). He will be laid to rest with military honors, including an honor guard and military salute (three volleys of rifle fire) to honor his wartime service in defense of our nation. The family invites all of Arlin's (and Dorothy's) friends to come and help celebrate Arlin and his righteous life well lived.

# Comments

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“ Dear Potter Family,  
I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear about your dad's passing. He always seemed to have a spring to his step and a twinkle in his eye; and I have pleasant memories of his walking hand-in-hand with your mother around the ward. My son and I had planned to attend the funeral. However, Saturday morning we woke up to another five inches of snow and it was still snowing. Our street was snow-packed. So I felt it was probably not a good idea to try driving in those conditions. So I am sorry about that. I also wanted to send you a card to express my thoughts to you, but I can't find your parents' address in Provo. I hope yet to send something in the mail. I would very much like a copy of your dad's biography, "Bits of Clay." I will formally submit a request on your family website.  
May your family be blessed at this time with comfort and peace. Arlin and Dorothy were a perfectly matched pair, and I am sure there is a wonderful reunion in heaven for them and your sisters that passed on. May the Lord bless you all as you go forward in this life. Thanks for everything.  
Love,  
Susan and Terry Whipple (hometeacher) Brian Whipple (also a hometeacher to them)

**Susan Whipple** - January 16, 2013 at 10:41 AM

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“ Dear Potter Family ~ We are sorry that we were unable to attend your father's funeral service this morning. But because of the weather condition out here in Vernon, we did not feel it wise to come over. Please accept our deepest sympathies and know that we think of your family with love. Sincerely, Bob, Karen, Barbara, Helen and Jackie Pehrson

**Helen Pehrson** - January 12, 2013 at 03:22 PM