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Gibson, William McAdoo

Idaho Falls, ID

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William McAdoo Gibson, 90, of Idaho Falls, died Aug. 17, 2009, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Ft. Worth, Texas, to Albert Henry Gibson and Dora D. Hickman. He was raised in Fort Worth and later served with the 96th Infantry Division on Okinawa from 1944 to 1945. He earned the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. His division was awarded two Presidential Citations. His "L" Company was awarded a citation by the commander of the 10th Army.

On Nov. 8, 1939, he married Bernice Marie Coffman in Las Vegas, Nev. She died Aug. 26, 1996. They lived in Texas, California and Idaho. He was a commercial truck driver of gasoline and propane products. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and was known by his friends as the No. 1 fisherman. He also enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He lived his life with honor and integrity and had a great love for his family and his country.

He is survived by his daughter, Rosalyn Marie (Kent) McCandless of Idaho Falls; two sisters, Margaret (Ted) Pinger of Leucadia, Calif., and Dora Parry of Landisberg, Pa.; grandchildren, Kim (Reuben) Wilson and Jill McCandless of Idaho Falls, and Melanie (Matt) Novak of Oakley, Calif.; and great-grandchildren, Cody Wilson of Salt Lake City, Brandee Wilson of Idaho Falls, Amber Wilson of Boise, and Devin and Alex Novak of Oakley, Calif. He was preceded in death by his wife; a son, William M. Gibson Jr.; a sister, Judy Jones; and two brothers, Clarence and Mickey Gibson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Chapel in the Valley in Swan Valley, with Pastor Laura Baarda officiating. The family will visit with friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First St. in Idaho Falls. Burial will be in Ririe-Shelton Cemetery with military rites by the Bonneville County Veterans Team and the Idaho Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Swan Valley Fire Department Special Equipment Fund, P.O. Box 240, Swan Valley, ID 83449. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.coltrinmortuary.com.