Ronald David Wells 1934-2014

Ronald David Wells, 80, passed away on Sept. 1, 2014, at the Clearwater Hospital in Orofino, Idaho.

There will be no services. The family will hold a private ceremony.

Ron was born July 18, 1934, in St. Marys, Idaho, to David and Neva (Leeper) Wells.

Ron attended grade school and graduated Bonners Ferry High School in 1952.

He attended one year of college at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho. He then transferred to Idaho State College in Pocatello where he graduated with a pharmacy degree in 1956.

After graduation, Ron worked for two years at Dave’s Drug in Lewiston before buying Valley Drug in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

He sold that store and bought Kamiah Drug in Kamiah, Idaho, which he expanded to include a store in Kooskia, Idaho in 1980.

He sold both stores in 1990 when he retired.

In 1955, Ron married Kathleen Kerms. This marriage ended in divorce.

In 1966, he married Shirley Gardner in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

This union lasted the rest of his life.

After retirement, they traveled through all 50 states, most of Canada and every state in Mexico.

He enjoyed his travels, but finally decided to settle in Tucson, Ariz. Ron was a member of the Elks Lodge in Lewiston and an honorary member of the Masons in Kamiah.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Neva and Dave Wells.

Ron is survived by his wife, Shirley, at their home in Kamiah; daughters Marcia Davis of Post Falls, Wendy Jewett of Fairfield, Idaho, Kathi Gardner (Rod) Arnzen of Cottonwood, Debbie (Tim) Christopherson of Kamiah, Denise Gardner Wolverton (Dave Ricks) of Boise; sons Dr. Dave Wells of Twin Falls, David Gardner of Mainsberg, Penn., Ron T. (Laurene) of Newberg, Ore; a sister, Sally Dutson of Bonners Ferry, three nephews, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations can be made in Ron’s name to the Kamiah Ambulance at PO Box 951, Kamiah, ID 83536.