



## Elmer Clay Jorgensen

April 29, 1937 - December 3, 2011

Elmer Clay Jorgensen died on December 3, 2011 after a long period of ill health. He was born on April 29, 1937 in Roosevelt Utah to William Elmer Jorgensen and Yvonne Smith Jorgensen. During his life, he lived in Salt Lake City, Utah, until the family moved to Washington, first to Moses Lake, then to Sunny side, finally settling in Richland, Washington. He graduated from Columbia High School in Richland. He entered college at BYU in 1955. His college pursuits were put on hold at the end of his junior year while he served a mission for his church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in the Spanish American Mission. He then returned to his studies at Brigham Young University where he completed his Bachelor's, Master's and PhD. Degrees in Clinical Psychology. He married Doris Elaine Johnson in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on January 13, 1961. He is survived by his wife Doris; children Elmer Clay Jorgensen (Sarah) Jr., Layne Stuart Jorgensen (Leanne), Julia Denise Rogers(Jay), and Sheila May Graham (Leland); twelve grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Rhonda Jorgensen, and his first grandchild, Layne Jr. His professional life included teaching for a time at Eastern Washington University, serving as Director of Child & Family Services at Spokane Mental Health Center for many years and in private practice as a Clinical Psychologist in family matters, and finished his career in part time forensic work for the Spokane Public Defenders, Grant County Public Defenders, and in Benton County. He finally fully retired in 2010. He authored two books. His

hobbies included spoiling his grandchildren, followed by fishing, ceramics, and water color painting. His funeral will be at the Cheney LDS Church at 2536 N 6th in Cheney Washington on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:00 a.m. followed by burial at the Fairview Cemetery on Salnave Road in Cheney.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Put me down for weddings. The premarital counseling gives you so many opportunities. And you develop a lifelong relationship. Rarely does someone say, I want you to meet the preacher that did dad's funeral, but they're almost always wanting to see the one who married them. Grace and peace, Tim

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**Chang** - March 10, 2012 at 07:08 AM

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“ So sorry to learn of Clay's passing. He was one of the first people I met when moving to Spokane. He was a tireless worker on behalf of children and families. We spent countless hours together consulting mutually on so many matters that I can't even begin to list them here. We didn't always agree on everything, but I certainly did respect his opinions, thoughts, ideas and advice. He will be missed by many. His contributions and service to Spokane, friends, family and colleagues will not be forgotten.

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**Brian N. Gipstein, M.D.** - December 07, 2011 at 01:25 AM

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“ Clay was a wonderful mentor and teacher of mine. He taught me many pieces of group work with children and adults. He was one of the great skilled masters of Mental Health work. I am sorry for your loss of him in your lives.

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**Linda Ott** - December 06, 2011 at 12:47 PM

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“ I truly enjoyed working with Dr. J at the Spokane County Public Defender's office. He was a great man and will be sorely missed.

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**Shauna Tippett** - December 06, 2011 at 11:24 AM