

Howard Ralph Hastings Funeral services were held July 3, 2007, at the Life Way Chapel in Post Falls, Idaho, for Howard Ralph Hastings, who passed away June 29, 2007. He was born in St. Johnsbury on June 4, 1921, the only child of Edward and Bertha (Goodenough) Hastings. He grew up on the family farm in Waterford and was a 1939 graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy. He went west to Idaho and Alaska. He worked on the Alaska Railroad, and then on active duty as a radio officer in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Later he was a radio operator for the merchant marine. In 1970, he married Mafalda Anselmo in Idaho. Returning to Alaska, he worked for the FAA and the National Weather Bureau and as a civilian for the Air Force. Retiring in 1983, he and "Falda" lived on a small farm in the McGuire District of Post Falls. They raised a few cattle and had an orchard and large gardens. In later years they spent winters in Desert Hot Spring, Calif. He is survived by two stepsons and their families, Tom and Sue Anselmo, and Don and Mary Ann Anselmo; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and cousins in Vermont, Florida and California. He was predeceased by his wife, Mafalda, and his ex-wife Paulina Dauphin.