

Bruce Markkula, 57

March 7, 1948 - April 20, 2005 -

BOISE, ID — Bruce William Markkula, son of Rev. Russell and Marian Bauer Markkula, was born March 7, 1948, in San Diego, CA. He attended many schools and graduated in 1966. He obtained a Liberal Arts Degree from the University of Minnesota and received his post graduate education from the University of North Dakota in Business Administration. Dec. 27, 1971, Bruce joined the United States Air Force as a Flight Examiner Aircraft Commander and served his country until his honorable discharge June 16, 1975. In 1977, he was employed at the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County Hospital in Minnesota. He assisted the city in founding their homeless programs and the much



needed care provider guidelines for care centers. His passion and need for helping others and the caring and protecting of the elderly led him to many nursing homes and hospitals throughout the country. In 1993, Bruce moved to Baker City, OR, and was employed at St. Elizabeth Health Care Center as the vice-president and administrator. The Sisters of St. Francis, who worked at the facility at that time, introduced the new vice-president to Sandy, who was the executive secretary. It was love at first site for both of them.

Oct. 15, 1994, Bruce and Sandy were married at Cannon Beach, OR. After their marriage, they resided in Oregon until 1996 when they moved to Harlan. After Mandi graduated the family moved to Boise, ID and have been going back and forth ever since in one way or another. Bruce was a member of Menza and Rotary. He died April 20, 2005, at the Veteran's Medical Center in Boise, ID, at age 57 years, one month and 13 days.

Bruce was preceded in death by Arlene Davis, Betty Markkula, and Chuck and Isabelle Hutchison. Survivors include his wife, Sandy of Boise, ID; his children, Charles Markkula of Minneapolis, MN; Mandi Jo Petsche and her fiancé, Arcadio Martinez Zarate of Boise, ID; his parents, Rev. Russell and Marian Markkula of Duluth, MN; his brothers, Russell and Sam Markkula; and his sister, Melissa (Rev. Brian) Wiita, all of Duluth, MN; Denise of Minnesota, who was always thought of as a daughter and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 27, 2005, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Ed Frank officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard with Don Davis and Gene Nielsen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Jeff Davis, Jerry Davis, Arcadio Martinez Zarate, Chuck Markkula, John Davis and Kim Swanson. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.