
James P. Christensen

James Philip Christensen, 90, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, July 3, 2010, in Post Falls.

A memorial service was held July 6 at Gates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene.

He was born and raised in Idaho Falls, the son of Albert James and Nellie Mitchell Christensen. He studied engineering at the University of Idaho where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. During World War II he served in the United States Army Air Corps. He was united in marriage with Virginia Newton of Spokane, Wash., in a ceremony in Stockton, Calif. Following his discharge from the army, he continued his education at the University of Idaho, receiving his bachelor of science degree in 1947.

He was employed as an engineer by Interstate Telephone Co. in Moscow, Idaho, then with General Telephone and Electronics (GTE), in Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, North Carolina and Texas, serving as president of the company for a period of time.

He is survived by his son John of Dallas, Texas; two granddaughters; his sister, Margery Christensen Wolf, of Great Falls, Mont., and a brother, Robert Christensen of Tempe, Ariz. He was preceded in death by his wife, his son David and his daughter Janet.

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