In Loving Memory

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things, too, I will miss.

Be not burdened with the times of sorrow.
I wish y ou the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee,
God wanted me now. He set me free.



Gary Paul Crowder

June 24, 1944 ~ October 21, 2026

Wilkes Funeral Homes

Gary Paul Crowder was born in Ferron, Ut. In his grandfather's house to Anna Wayman on June 24,1944. He spent is early years, where he went to school in Price and Helper Utah. His family later moved to Salt Lake City, where he graduated from West High school.

After he graduated from high school he went to work for Utah Ice and Cold Storage in Salt Lake City. He worked there for 3 years until he was drafted into the United States Army on his 21 st birthday.

Paul was stationed in Germany for 2 years during the Vietnam war. While he was stationed in Germany, he started writing letters to the love of his life, Esther Josephine Hatten. They were later married on July 3, 1969. In November of 1970, Paul and Esther were sealed for all eternity in the Manti LDS Temple. They were blessed with 4 children; Paul JR., Becky, Rachel, and Rose.

Paul retired from the United States Army after 22 years of service. After retiring from the military, he worked for Heinz and then for Walmart.

Throughout his 51 years of marriage to Esther they lived in Chubbuck, Downey, and Declo Idaho. In 2025 he moved to Pocatello with his daughter Rose to be closer to his daughter Rachel and her family.

Paul enjoyed going fishing and hunting with his children, bowling and taking care of his farm animals.

Paul is survived by his children, Paul (Jackie) over the road truck driver, Becky of Colorado, Rachel (Chris) Pocatello, and Rose of Pocatello. His beloved grandchildren, Andrea, Barbara, Jordan, Alex, Mickey, Emily, and Savana.

He was preceded in death by his wife Esther of 51 years, grandson Jonathan, and his parents Bailey and Anna Crowder.

Graveside Service

Thursday ~ October 29, 2026 ~ 11:00 am
Mountain View Cemetery
1520 S 5th Avenue ~ Pocatello, ID
36 East ~ Row 14 ~ Space 5

Opening Prayer ~ Rachel Crowder

Life Sketch ~ Becky Hardy

Speaker ~ Rachel Crowder

Daddy's Hands
Musical Selection by Holly Dunn

Closing Prayer ~ Alex Mann

Military Honors

Dedication of the Grave ~ Rick Kunz

Casket Bearers

Bobbi Spoor ~ Alex Mann ~ Sean Spoor ~ Mickey Mann
Jake Spoor ~ Chris Harada

Honorary Casket Bearers

Zayne Resendiz ~ Eduardo Resendiz ~ Avayah Resendiz
Addisyn Spoor ~ Elias Gelles ~ Raynor Gelles ~ Robyn Mann
Scottie Mann ~ Lorelie Mann