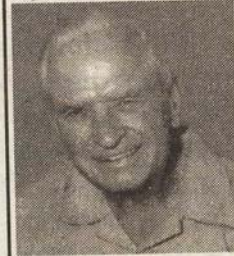


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Byron Eugene McKinnon, 75, Mesa AZ, died on Wednesday, December 13, 2000. He was born January 2, 1925, in Randolph, Utah. He married the girl

he met in kindergarten, Ella Mae Bingham, on June 19, 1944. He is survived by his wife and 3 sons, Steve and Kim of Mesa, and Don of Clinton, Utah. Also surviving are a sister, Arlene Hirst of Evanston, Wyoming, 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was a High Priest in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lehi 9th Ward.

Byron graduated from Utah State University and received his Master's degree from Washington State University in Administration and Guidance and Counseling. He was Director of Guidance Services for Mesa Public Schools for 18 years until retirement in 1985. He was named to several organizations as a result of his pioneering in special programs in the Mesa Schools. Some of the programs in which he was instrumental in developing and implementing include: Opportunity Hall, Indian Teacher's Aid Program, Op Shop, Mesa Youth Placement Service, Special Education Flow Chart, and a district-wide child abuse program. Many of these programs still exist.

Byron had a passion for life and got the most joy out of being with his family and service in the community. When he wasn't raising cattle, gardening, or fixing tractors, he was playing with his great-grandchildren, whom he dearly loved. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be Sunday, December 17, 2000 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Bunker's Garden Chapel, 33 North Centennial Way, Mesa. Services will be Monday, December 18, 2000 at 11:00 AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Lehi 9th Ward, 810 East Lehi Road, Mesa with visitation also 1 hour prior to the service at the church.

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- 36 years in education, 24 years in MPS
- retired in 1985
- died Wednesday, December 13, 2000
- founder of the MPS Guidance Department, Career Education Program, Op Shop, Mesa Youth Placement Service, Taking Charge program, and Child Abuse Reporting System.