

# Gilbert Dee Orr

**BIRTH** 8 Jul 1939  
 Montpelier, Bear Lake County, Idaho, USA

**DEATH** 1 Feb 1964 (aged 24)  
 Boise, Ada County, Idaho, USA

**BURIAL** Dry Creek Cemetery  
 Boise, Ada County, Idaho, USA

**PLOT** 11-14 3 08-F

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### After Companion Dies

Boise (AP) - Hospital authorities say today a 19 year old girl whose moonlight sledding date ended in tragedy apparently suffered no ill effects from the cold in a 6 1/2 hour wait for help to arrive.

Carroll Dougal broke both legs and **Gilbert Orr, 24**, died of multiple skull fractures when their inner tube smashed into a barbed wire fence as they slid down a hill south of Boise.

She crawled 200 yards over the hill on her stomach to their car, intending to start the engine and the heater. But she was unable to get inside and was found beside the car, still conscious, when Orr's parents arrived at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Authorities said she apparently didn't suffer frost bite. She was listed in fair condition.

The couple had left about 10:30 pm Saturday for the sledding area. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Harold M Dougal called Mr & Mrs Delwin D Orr Sunday morning to report the girl hadn't returned.

They went to the sled area, six miles south of Boise on the Pleasant Valley road.

Coroner ED Paris said Orr lived only a short time. Paris said there would be no inquest.

Orr's brother, Norman, 21, said the couple had gone tubing in the same area two or three times before. He said there was no fence at the usual place, but the couple went to a different hill Saturday night.

"It pulled two wires loose from the fence so they must have hit it pretty hard," he said.


Orr was a member of the Idaho Air National Guard and a graduate of Borah High School. He had served a two-year mission in New Zealand for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He was born in Montpelier.

### Family Members

#### Parents

-  Delwin David Orr  
1906-1970
-  Susie *Hymas* Orr  
1910-2002

#### Siblings

-  Norman Bernel Orr  
1942-1977

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## Gilbert Dee Orr

Services for Gilbert Dee Orr, 24, of 2320 South Curtis Road, who was killed Saturday evening in a sledding accident southeast of Gowen Field, will be Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Fifth Ward LDS Chapel. Bishop Darwin Madsen will officiate. Relyea Chapel will announce interment. (See story, Page 1)

Born in Montpelier on July 8, 1939, Mr. Orr graduated from Borah High School in 1958. After serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in New Zealand, he entered Boise Junior College in 1963.

During his high school days, he was a wrestling champion in his weight class from the Boise Independent District, and he finished third in state competition.

Mr. Orr was a member of the Idaho Air National Guard at the time of his death.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Orr of Boise; six brothers, Norman, Lynn and Randy, all of Boise, Mont and Grant of Seattle, Wash., and Deon of Kearns, Utah; a sister, Mrs. LaRae Wilson of Sandy, Utah, and his grandfather, David T. Orr of Lanark, Idaho.