



Howard Craton

July 5, 1939 - October 8, 2014

.Memorial services for HOWARD CRATON, 75, will be held at 2pm Monday, October 13, 2014 at the United Methodist Church with Reverend Brian Kroeger officiating. Howard died October 8, 2014 at his home and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Prairie Haven Hospice, or the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Howard was born July 5, 1939 in Torrington, Wyoming the son of Lloyd and Lila (Arnold) Craton. He grew up and started his education in LaGrange, Wyoming and attended grade school at Banner County School and later graduated LaGrange High School in 1957. He married Ellenor Wilkins on December 22, 1957 in LaGrange. He attended Scottsbluff Junior College for two years, then the Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado where he received his Bachelors in Education. He later attended the University of Wyoming where he earned his Masters Degree in Education. He taught at the elementary school in Hawk Springs, Wyoming before he graduated college. After he graduated college in 1962 he came to Torrington and taught Social Studies, coached basketball, and high school golf. In 1975 he became the assistant Principal and taught Social Studies at the Torrington Middle School. In 1979 he became the Principal at the Lingle-Ft Laramie schools for nine years. In 1989 he became the assistant Superintendent for the Goshen County Schools for five years and then the Superintendent for three years. Howard retired in 1999.

Howard enjoyed fishing, golf, hunting, gardening, and spending time at the cabin at Glendo Lake. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and served on many committees over the years.

Howard is survived by his wife Ellenor of Torrington, Wyoming; a son Richard "Dick" Craton and his wife Lisa of Brush, Colorado; a sister Loretta Davis and her husband Art of Torrington; a brother Robert "Bob" Craton and his wife Linda of Upland, Indiana; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter Deborah Eisaman; and a son Steve Craton.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ We have very fond memories of working with Howard through the Torrington school district, and know that he will be missed. He was a wonderful, caring man.

Tracy Copenhaver & Jan Cronin

Jan Cronin - October 15, 2014 at 02:30 PM

DC

“ Thank you, Mr. Craton. Your life made an impact on others.



D Cain - October 13, 2014 at 09:08 PM

DM

“ Our sincere condolences to the Craton family. Both Barb and I have fond memories of Howard as a fellow student, teacher, administrator, outstanding educational leader, and good friend.

Dick and Barb McGee

Dick McGee - October 13, 2014 at 04:51 PM

SS

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I have pleasant memories of times with Howard. May God comfort the family In this time of sorrow.
Shirley

Shirley Sanders - October 13, 2014 at 03:36 PM

KW

“ The loss of Howard hits this family hard. Over time we have all been touched by him and even worked together beginning with Little League Baseball. We have been blessed with the quiet but competent leadership abilities he possessed. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his entire family.

Keith and Gwen Whitney - October 13, 2014 at 02:27 PM