



Abel Santillanes

April 29, 1919 - June 9, 2009

TORRINGTON, WY Funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for ABEL SANTILLANES, Sr, 90, on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the St. Rose Catholic Church at 2:00pm with The Rev. Father Michael Carr officiating. Burial with Military Rites will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. A Wake/Rosary service will be held on Thursday evening, June 11 at St. Rose at 7pm. Abel died on June 9, 2009 at the Torrington Community Hospital. Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home on Thursday from 3pm to 6pm and the casket will be open at the Rosary. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com He was born on April 29, 1919 in San Geronimo, New Mexico the son of Miguel and Lorenza (Benevides) Santillanes. He grew up in San Geronimo where he received his early education. He married Alice Encinias on September 18, 1937 in San Geronimo, New Mexico. He then proudly served in the US Navy on the USS Detroit. He was discharged in 1945. Abel and Alice moved to Yoder, Wyoming and then later to Torrington, Wyoming where Abel went to work for the Z & W Mill where he remained until his retirement in 1991. Abel enjoyed hunting and gardening. He especially liked going to Prairie Winds Casino. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church and he enjoyed reading the Bible. He is survived by his four daughters, Dora Santillanes of Greeley, Colorado; Rebecca (Raymond) Baros of Torrington, Wyoming; Elma (Tony) Servantez also of Torrington; and Elsie (Tony) Gonzalez of Cheyenne, Wyoming; three

sons, Gene (Joyce) Santillanes of Guernsey, Wyoming; Abel (Bonnie) Santillanes, Jr of Douglas, Wyoming; and Jerry (Peggy) Santillanes of Rock Springs, Wyoming; four sisters, Dora Santillanes of Roswell, New Mexico; Stella Montano also of Roswell; Rita (Alfonso) Montano of Antonichico, New Mexico; and Lucia Herrera of San Geronimo, New Mexico; one brother, John Santillanes of Loveland, Colorado; 25 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice; a daughter Connie Santillanes and one infant daughter.

Tribute Wall

BO

“ DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS - MAY OUR GOD EASE YOUR PAIN AS YOU STRUGGLE WITH YOUR SORROW FOR YOUR DECEASED FATHER AND FRIEND ABEL. HE WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS THESE DAYS.

BENNIE/DIANN OTERO - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ DEAR FAMILY - MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU TODAY AS YOU MOURN THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER AND FRIEND ABEL. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU DURING THESE SAD DAYS. WE WILL BE PRAYING FOR ALL.

ELOISE HERRERA - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Renee and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Let your memories of your grandpa fill your heart with happiness everyday and your faith in God comfort you.

Crystal, Mark, Hanna and Jake

Crystal Abrams - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I was so sad to hear about your loss. I just wanted to send my thoughts and prayers to your family and let you know that I'm thinking of all of you during this difficult time. God bless.

Shannon - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To all the family,

I wish to express my condolences along with my prayers at this sad time. Abel was a very good neighbor, as I was growing up as a kid he would always take the time to wave or say hello. I remember how much he loved feeding the squirrels that would come into his yard.

From what I knew of Abel he was a hard working and caring man that always had the energy to keep going as he got older.

Again, I wish you all peace as you endure this difficult time.

Shane Samson - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *Im sorry for loss, i enjoyed talking to Abel when i saw him. He was always friendley to everyone he saw. You are in my thoughts an prayers.*

Epirideon(Pete)Elizondo - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Santillanes family,*

Lo Sientimos Mucho. We will be praying for him. A Mass in Laredo will be celebrated in his Memory.

Pete

Pedro Garza Jr. - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss?our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*With love and hugs,
Rafael, Alejandra,
Ana Luisa, & Rafita Garza*

Mr. Rafael V. Garza & Family - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Peace of our Lord be with you. Please receive my sincerest condolences. I have very fond memories of Mr. Santillanes as being very kind and grandfatherly. I believe he has finally received his reward and is enjoying eternity with his beloved wife, Mrs. Santillanes. May our Sorrowful and Immaculate Mother obtain for you all the necessary graces to strengthen and console you during this difficult time of loss. Know that our humble prayers are with you. + Grant him eternal rest oh Lord, + and may perpetual light shine upon him. + May he rest in peace. + AMEN.

Ruben V. Garza - June 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM