



Afton "Babe" D. Green

September 19, 1930 - January 3, 2018

Funeral services for AFTON "BABE" D. GREEN JR, 87, will be held at 11am Saturday, January 13, 2018 at the Mitchell Berean Church. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Mitchell Events Center at the Scotts Bluff County Fair Grounds and burial will take place at 3pm at the LaGrange Cemetery. Babe went home to be with the Lord on January 3, 2018 at Heritage Estates in Gering, Nebraska. During his one and only hospital experience, he remained kind and sweet to the very end. Memorials to the donor's choice would be appreciated by the family. The casket will be closed. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Babe was born on September 19, 1930 in his grandmother's home in Loveland, Colorado. He was the youngest of three born to Afton Sr and Nellie (Cooper) Green. Growing up he spent the majority of his life on the family ranch seven miles east of LaGrange, Wyoming. He went to school and graduated from LaGrange High School. After serving in the Air Force briefly, he returned to the family ranch where he raised registered quarter horses. In May of 1953 he married Marvilyn Wiley and they had five daughters. Babe played basketball into his adulthood as well as rodeoing. He rode saddle broncs and calf roped for thirteen years. He was an excellent horseman and cowboy. Without any formal training, but being quite gifted, he doctored horses, cattle, dogs and cats for many in the LaGrange area throughout the years. He judged rodeos and horse shows for fifty years, including three

national shows. Babe was a basketball referee for all levels through college for fifty years as well.

Babe had a wonderful sense of humor and had quite the knack for telling stories and jokes. He was actively interested in politics (ardent republican) until the very end, stating "I can't leave until I know what happens to Hillary". Babe is survived by his five daughters Ginny (Mark) Kaufman of Mitchell, Nebraska, Jill (Dan) Willis of Spring Branch, Texas, Julie (Dorian) Fox of Casper, Wyoming, Amy (Joe) Brock of Paducah, Kentucky and Kit (Scott) Zuerlein of Clarksburg, Maryland; fourteen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren with more on the way. He also has six nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews; his brother-in-law Vern Lusche and his sister-in-law Mary Green. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Floyd Green; sister Darlene Lusche; nephew Jim Green; and his ex-wife Marvilyn Green.

Cemetery Details

LaGrange Cemetery

LaGrange, WY

Previous Events

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Mitchell Berean Church
50680 Cook Oil Rd
Mitchell, NE 69357
(308) 623-2320

Tribute Wall

LR

“ My time spent with Babe was short but memorable. My Dad, a Greyhound bus driver, and I met him on a few occasions at the ranch before buying a buckskin yearling. Think I met his Dad. About 1959 in middle of winter. Just pUT a picture of her head on my FB page. Babe always treated us like we had a fortune to spend. As a twelve year old, I was so impressed with his friendliness. He inspired my continued love of horses & a degree in Ag from UW.
RIP

Larry G. Rickert - February 08, 2018 at 10:07 PM

LR

Still in my memories.

Larry Rickert - August 02, 2025 at 10:20 PM

JJ

“ Babe was one of the good people in my life. Spent time with the Greens growing up as allo of the Johnsons did. After I came to Encampment Babe judged or rodeo many times and refed many b-ball games I attended. Always had a good visit on those ocasions. One time while judging our rodeo the pickup man[Joe Buckholts] ran into Babe and nocked the horse down, A pretty solid obstical. Lots of good memories of the Greens.

James F Johnson - January 13, 2018 at 12:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Afton "Babe" D. Green.



January 12, 2018 at 02:17 PM

DN

“ My dad, Bill Miskimins, shared a story the other day about when they were young and got to take the fancy "new" pickup to town. They were just supposed to go and get a few supplies, etc., then return back to the ranch. Well, like most teens, they spent a bit too much time driving around LaGrange having fun, so, since the old truck's odometer went backwards in reverse, they drove in reverse quite a few miles going home so the odometer would line up with what they were supposed to do! There have been many of these stories over the years from my dad, and it was a privilege getting to know Babe through these stories. Dee Dee Nida

Dee Dee Nida - January 12, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Afton "Babe" D. Green.



January 11, 2018 at 04:43 PM

PK

“ My heart is saddened that Gerald and I could never locate Babe in the last few years. We looked for him 5 years ago, we had heard he was in Mitchell, but had no luck at finding him. We loved him, Gerald rode a lot Babes horses and rode a lot of his sale horses. Gerald passed away 2 years ago this March from bone cancer. Their reunion will be a great one. My Sympathies

Portia Kummer 970-673-5167

Portia Kummer - January 11, 2018 at 12:05 PM

SH

“ Like Nancy, it was very special to be able to be with Uncle Babe in the last two months, in Scottsbluff, in Denver and then back in Gering. We miss you a lot and I will see you on the "other side" like I promised. Will miss his larger than life kind heart, he truly was one of a kind.

Sally Hunter - January 10, 2018 at 02:26 PM

NB

“ It was a very special gift to me to be able to spend time with Uncle Babe and my cousins when he was transferred to Swedish hospital in Englewood, ending up at Denver Hospice. I will never forget the many laughs we shared. He was very important to me and always will be. I will truly miss all of our birthday calls to each other and his laughter. Love to you all! 🙏🙏
Nancy Bradley

nancy bradley - January 08, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RR

One of the best men I have ever known. The Lord needs a good horseman. He has one of the best now.
Reuben Reisig
Scottsbluff Ne

Reuben Reisig - January 10, 2018 at 01:23 PM