



Alva Connolly

July 15, 1931 - December 4, 2008

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for ALVA GERALD CONNOLLY 77, will be held at 2pm, Monday, December 8, 2008 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Curtis Hill officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Gerald died December 4, 2008 at the Goshen Care Center. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to either the Church or the Shriner's Hospital. The casket will be closed. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Gerald was born July 15, 1931 on the family homestead near Hawk Springs, Wyoming the son of Alva and Jennie (Sherman) Connolly. The family moved to Torrington, Wyoming when he was young and he attended and graduated from Torrington High School. He attended Junior College for a time before being drafted into the USMC. He served during the Korean Conflict. Upon his discharge he returned to school at the University of Wyoming where he earned a BS in Geology and later a JD in Law. He practiced law with Joe Maier in Torrington until he was elected Goshen County Attorney where he served four years. Gerald married Margaret "Peg" Kirkpatrick on August 20, 1960 in Torrington. In the early 1980's he was appointed the first Goshen County Judge. He retired from that in 2000. He entered the Goshen Care Center in November of 2007. Gerald enjoyed hunting, fishing, yard work and reading. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine Club, the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church where he served as elder, deacon, and

trustee. He was also a member of the VFW, the American Legion, was a past Scout Master, and served as a Goshen County representative on the UW Alumni Association. Gerald is survived by his wife Peg of Torrington; a daughter, Karla Light and her husband Jim of Lexington Park, Maryland; two sons, Kent Connolly and his wife Raylene of Palmer, Alaska and Terry Connolly and his wife Jennifer of Cheyenne, Wyoming; two sisters, Colleen Johnson of Bakersfield, California and Pat Connolly of Tucson, Arizona; and six grandchildren, Nicholas, Zackary, Anthony, Andrew, Alexx, and Amelia. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Don.

Tribute Wall

KF

“ *I am very sorry to hear of Uncle Gerald's passing.*

It was always a great time for me when I got to visit Uncle Gerald, Aunt Peg and the kids in Torrington.

The visits during warm summer times, cold fall & winter times and especially during Christmas are very dear to me and I will keep them always as fond memories.

I was glad to get a very short visit with him in October 2008.

With all my sympathy,

Kelly

PS

Am thinking of all of you?al?????..

Kelly Kirkpatrick and Family - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Peg and family,*

Our condolences to all of you upon the passing of Gerald. Dobe (Ken Doby) always spoke highly of him. May God comfort you.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection, Herb and Becky Doby

December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Thinking of you Peg during this time of grief. May you lean on your faith in Christ as you move through this time with your family.

Virginia Kittleman - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ We were sorry to read of your loss. The Judge was a fine man, and it has to be a relief that he no longer suffers so. We will miss seeing you when we go visit Clark. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love
Margy and Chuck

Margy and Chuck Karpf - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ We send our sympathy to all the family. I did not know Gerald, but my parents worked with him in his law practice, so I do remember them talking about him. We know this is not easy on the family.

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Peg: I just learned of Gerald's death and want to send you sincere condolences. Thankfully you walk in faith and have the assurance that your loved one is with his Lord. My thoughts and prayers go with you as you move into a new stage of life. Go with God. Love Jo Butler

Jo Butler - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Peg, I just learned of Gerry's passing in the February issue of the Wyoming Lawyer. We only had a couple of contacts with one another over the many years since graduating from the UW law school together. But I do remember the good times in school (yes, there were some--remember?) and his and your friendship at the time.

God's blessings to you.

Cary

Cary Alburn - December 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM