



## Alvin Garrelts

September 30, 1939 - October 24, 2011

Alvin "Sonny" Garrelts, 72, died Monday, October 24, 2011 at his home in Yoder. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 29, at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church in Torrington with Reverend Curtis Hill officiating. The casket will be closed. Burial will follow the service at Valley View Cemetery. Memorials may be made to either the South Goshen Presbyterian Church or to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Sonny was born September 30, 1939 in Yoder, Wyoming the son of Henry Adolf and Mary Ella (Prentice) Garrelts. He attended the Yoder schools where he graduated from high school in 1957. Sonny married Ellie Yeik in 1957 and the couple later divorced. He farmed and ranched in the Yoder area his whole life. Sonny liked to play guitar, ride motorcycles and watch sports on television. In later years, he enjoyed the computer and playing golf. He was a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and South Goshen Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his daughter Trisha and her husband Barry Nichols of Baker City, Oregon; his 2 sons, Rob Garrelts of Yoder, Wyoming; and Gene and his wife Brenda Garrelts of Omaha, Nebraska; a sister, Anna Mae McElheny of Torrington; a grandson, Ty Nichols of Baker City, Oregon; a granddaughter, Tawny Nichols of Eugene, Oregon; a granddaughter, Lauren Garrelts; and a granddaughter, Layne Garrelts both of Omaha, Nebraska; and a grandson, Landon Garrelts also of Omaha, Nebraska. Sonny was preceded in death by

his parents; two sisters, Edna Sandlian and Barbara Garrelts; and two brothers, Glenn Garrelts and Earl Garrelts.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our families go back to before either of us were born. We rode the school bus together from the time I was in the first through the fourth grades. Then we moved into the Veteran District, but our families were always in touch. We send our sympathy to all Sonny's family and friends.

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**Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton** - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Garrelts family.

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**Kim Haraksin Keener** - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Tricia, Rob and Gene

*Heard from my parents that your father had passed away. So sorry...still can see him at the ball games...all of them..don't think he missed many!*

*Take care!*

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**Clara Lou Smith** - October 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM