



Arthur Harris

June 15, 1926 - March 24, 2006

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for ARTHUR ELDON EUGENE HARRIS, 79, will be held at 2:00p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at Lighthouse Ministries with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Burial will follow in the Veteran's section of Valley View Cemetery with Military Rites. At his request cremation has taken place. Gene died at Community Hospital on Friday March 24, 2006. Memorials may be made to either Lighthouse Ministries or VFW Post No. 2918 in Torrington. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home. Gene was born June 15, 1926 in Oxford, Missouri to Samuel and Lydia (Ross) Harris. The family move to the Torrington area in 1932. As a young man he held jobs in Torrington which included Goshen County Creamery, Standard Service Station, school bus driver, and Bloedorn Lumber. He enlisted in the Marine Corp Reserve in 1943 and graduated from Torrington High School in 1944. He served in the 5th Marine Division which was part of the Iwo Jima Spearhead Operation. During active duty he served as a rifle sharpshooter, in intelligence, and as a bodyguard to Executive Officer Colonel R. H. Williams. He attained honorable an discharge as a Corporal in 1946. Gene married Joan DesEnfants on August 29, 1947in Torrington. Born to this union were two sons, Dana and Dean. The family made their life and living as wheat farmers at Lost Springs, Wyoming for forty-seven years before retiring to Torrington in 1996. Gene enjoyed his family, farming, hunting, fishing, archery, and reading. He was active on the Board of the Senior Center in Lusk, Wyoming, and in farm

programs. He was a member of the Goshen County Veteran's Council, a life member of VFW Post 2918, a member of American Legion No. 1, the Marine Corps League, and the Wyoming Archery Association. Survivors include his wife Joan of Torrington; sons, Dana (Sandi) and Dean (Donna) both of Lusk; granddaughter, Deanna (Ken) Maston of Gillette, Wyoming; grandsons, Trevor Harris of Madison, Wisconsin and Riley Osborne of Billings, Montana; five great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Beulah Harris Meredith of Riverton, Wyoming; nieces Joanne (Jack) Matthews, and Faye (Lowell) Murphy both of Torrington, Janice (Dugan) King, of Gering, Nebraska , and other nieces and nephews who reside outside of this area. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ona James; brothers, Forrest, Raymond, Albert, Floyd, and Harold; and a grandson Marcus Cook.