



Blaine Kerr Ronne

July 19, 1925 - March 24, 2014

Torrington, Wyoming – Blaine K. Ronne, 88, died Monday, March 24, 2014 at his home with family by his side.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at Valley View Cemetery in Torrington, Wyoming with Pastor Brian Kroeger officiating. The public is also invited to a reception at the United Methodist Church following burial.

Memorials may be made to the Torrington Senior Friendship Center.

Visitation will be Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Blaine was born July 19, 1925, in Lushton, Nebraska the son of Clyde LaVerne and Ruth Naomi (Kerr) Ronne. He attended rural grades near Lushton and high school in McCool Junction, Nebraska. He graduated with a BA degree from York (Nebraska) College in 1947. After teaching for a year in Friend, Nebraska, he went back to school and received his Masters from the University of Nebraska in 1952. Blaine's major was School Administration and he worked as a School Superintendent for the next 23 years. He also worked in Waco, NE for six years, Oshkosh for four years and Torrington, Wyoming for 13 years. He retired from the education routine after serving four years as an Area Administrator for the Carbon County School District #2. He was a salesman at heart and worked first as a Book Salesman (for schools), then as an Insurance Salesman for Allstate. Because he was trained as an

administrator he was hired as Director of the Torrington Senior Friendship Center for eight years (1980-1988). In the interim he was elected to serve as Mayor of Torrington from 1980-1984. Blaine served on the Goshen County Welfare Board for 13 years and was a member of the Wyoming State Board of Education and Wyoming School District Organization Committee from 1967-1972. He was a member of the American School Administration 1958-1971 and past President of the Wyoming School Administrators Association. He was an Off-Campus Instructor for the University of Wyoming.

He never fully retired in his sixties and for the rest of his life (over 20 years) he worked as a Salesman for Ralston Advertising of Omaha, Nebraska. In his spare time, he spent many an hour at his cabin retreat in the Snowy Range Mountains near Laramie where he enjoyed cutting wood and hiking. He also had a shop equipped with every necessary tool to pursue woodworking projects. He made (to perfection) barnwood picture frames, oak bureaus, vanities, desks, boxes, etc. Blaine and Wilma built the house they live in 23 years ago.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Elks Club, and the Masonic Lodge.

Blaine was married to Darlene Dillan June 30, 1948 and to this union two sons were born, Stephen and David. The couple divorced in 1969 and in 1972 he married Wilma "Jane" Arnold (Kumelos).

Survivors include his first wife Darlene and his current wife Jane; his sons, Stephen of Cody, WY, daughter-in-law Sandy of Cheyenne, WY and their children Brad, Chelsey and Darcy; Chelsey's husband Aaron Steinberg and their children Kaden and Calum; son David (Debra) and their three children, Caitlin, Taylor, and Morgan; one nephew Max (Karla) Ronne of York, NE; two nieces, Barbara (Anthony) Kopec of Eatenville, Washington and Karen (Gary) Helmer and their two children Steven and Douglas; four great nieces; four great nephews . He is also survived by numerous descendants to whom he was a step parent..

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother Raymond; sister Edith and

niece Janice Lundy.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **28**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
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Torrington, WY 82240
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Service

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Valley View Cemetery
30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

GN

“ *I didn't know Blaine, but he was a name everybody in the area knew. We send out sympathy and prayers to all his friends and family members.*

Garold W. Newton And Theresa L. Newton - September 12, 2014 at 11:23 PM

DW

“ *Debi Weickum lit a candle in memory of Blaine Kerr Ronne*



Debi Weickum - April 07, 2014 at 10:18 AM

KH

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Blaine when he was getting close to turning 80. What a lively, interesting, funny and a bit onery man he was! He became a regular visitor to our office, selling us marketing trinkets and just telling us about his life. Blaine loved his wife and his family, loved staying vital through working, and loved life. It was an honor to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.*

Karen Hight - March 28, 2014 at 01:43 PM

SV

“ *Will miss a special person.*



Samuel Vigil - March 27, 2014 at 10:43 AM

SV

“ Samuel Vigil lit a candle in memory of Blaine Kerr Ronne



Samuel Vigil - March 27, 2014 at 10:39 AM

MB

“ It is with great sadness that I say good by to cousin Blaine. My family was always welcome at Wilma and Blaine's home and we appreciated their friendship and hospitality, more than they could ever know. They were always welcome at our home also and we enjoyed many good visits. Blaine was generous with his time and made several barn wood frames, that I will always cherish, for my pictures. Unfortunately the COPD prevented him from enjoying his woodworking projects in recent times. Blaine would select the fat pens from his samples for my arthritic hands and my husband enjoyed the old car calendars so Blaine would always include a few of those. I called them my special "care package" - and looked forward to what he might be sending. I am glad I got to know Blaine and we share in your family loss. Jim & Marianne Brandt

Marianne Brandt - March 26, 2014 at 01:24 PM