



Charles Kessler

January 23, 1918 - June 19, 2007

LA GRANGE, WY Funeral services for CHARLES 'CHUCK' KESSLER, 89, will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, June 22, 2007 at the United Methodist Church in Torrington with Reverend Richard Gilbert of Cheyenne officiating. Burial will follow in the LaGrange Cemetery. Chuck was called to mend fence in the Kingdom of Heaven on June 19, 2007. Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday from 2pm to 7pm; and the casket will be closed at the church service. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Chuck's memory to the Bear Creek Community Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Chuck was born Charles Warren Kessler on January 23, 1918 in Torrington, Wyoming; the fourth of eight children, to Albert Ray and Olive (Yoder) Kessler. He was raised in the Bear Creek Community west of LaGrange in southern Goshen County where he attended country schools. He went on to graduate high school at LaGrange in 1936. He later attended the University of Wyoming where he graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry. On October 23, 1953, Chuck married Jeannette Kynion of Lingle, Wyoming, and she came to share her life with him in the Bear Creek Valley where the couple raised three children, Donald, Patty, and John. Chuck's greatest love was his family and the home he made for them on the ranch founded by his grandparents, Henry Z. and Sarah (Luke) Yoder. He devoted his life to his family and the ranch. Chuck stacked

25,000 tons of loose hay in his lifetime; making a hard job look easy. He was a long time member of the South Goshen Soil Conservation Board, and the Goshen County Weed & Pest Board. Chuck was also a member of Toastmasters, the Lion's Club, and the Belles & Beaus Square Dance Club. He is survived by his wife, Jeannette of the family ranch; son, Donald Kessler of Torrington, Wyoming; daughter, Patty Kessler and her husband, Frank Bristol, of Laramie, Wyoming; son, John Kessler and his wife, Nancy, of the Bear Creek Community near LaGrange, Wyoming; three grandchildren, Sarah and Sam Kessler and Caleb Bristol; a brother, Daniel Kessler of Cheyenne, Wyoming; a sister, Alda Kessler Stewart of Hemet, California; a brother-in-law, Donald Kynion of Scottsbluff, Nebraska; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Sadie; and four brothers, Albert, Raymond, John and Stanley ('Fritz').

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Jeannette and Family,*

You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Please let me know if there is anything I can do.

Theil Ryan - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Chuck - although we never met him, Patty spoke of him often and with fond memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Earl, Margaret, DeDe, Brian, and Jason

Margaret Miller - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Jeanette, Patty, John, Don and family,*

Am so saddened by the news of Pa's passing.

I will always treasure the memories of laughter and teasing -- especially about Patty's and my "adventures."

Chuck's name always comes to mind when I think of the quintessential Wyoming rancher. He's left some very big shoes to fill.

You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jane & Josef

Jane Rock Costanza & Family - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Over the years Chas has been a great example to others in terms of his manner, his approach to life and his great patience. He was careful in what he said and also in how he acted towards others, a trait that is invaluable.

We have a special relationship with the Kesslers in more than one way. We certainly extend our sympathy and best wishes to Jeanette and the entire family.

Keith and Gwen

Keith & Gwen Whitney - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Jeannette and Family: We send you our thoughts and prayers at the death of Chuck. We know this is a difficult time for all of you, but we also know you walk in faith and know where Chuck is residing now. May you know God's peace at this time.

Roy and "Pinkie" Jo Butler - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Just sitting here thinking about Uncle Chuck and remembering, how as a little girl, I thought the sun rose and set on him. I will always remember the "cow pie sandwiches" he would tease me with. Verl always tells people Chuck was everything you would think of when you thought of a cowboy. Verl was so impressed by him. My heart is sad today because of the passing of another generation and there will never be another Uncle Chuck. Even though Chuck didn't say a lot more than he needed to, I will always cherish the fact that he told me he loved me because that was important enough to him to say.

Verl and Jackie Addison - June 19, 2007 at 12:00 AM