



Charles "Charlie" Nearing

August 15, 1933 - February 9, 2025

A celebration of life for CHARLES "CHARLIE" NEARING will be held 2pm Wednesday February 19, 2025, at the Fort Laramie Community Center with David Breedon officiating. Burial will follow in the Fort Laramie Cemetery. Lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to the Ft. Laramie Volunteer Fire department. Charlie passed away February 9, 2025, at 91 years of age at Torrington Community Hospital and cremation has taken place. Charles was born on August 15, 1933, to Roy and Elaine Nearing in Torrington Wy. He went to school at Ft Laramie Country School up until the 9th grade. Then he went on to graduate high school from Ft Laramie High School. After graduation, he decided to go into ranching, just like many generations of ranchers before him. He showed registered Hereford Cattle at the Goshen County Fair, as well as several other areas in and around Wyoming. He also branched out into Black Angus Cattle when the Hereford market went downhill. He worked 16 campaigns at the Torrington sugar beet factory, He sat on several committees and boards throughout his life. His first passion in life was ranching on his family's property, the Nearing Ranch. On June 25th, 1955, he married his love of his life, Retha Janet Haefele, from Guernsey, Wyoming, in Bridgeport, Nebraska. He and Janet had 4 children, Gene, Mark, Terry, and Charlene. The three older sons would unfortunately pass early in their lives. This would not deter Charlie from living his life to the fullest. He always had faith in Jesus Christ. He loved his family, and the many friends he made throughout the years. He was a very active member with his wife of the

Fort Laramie Community Presbyterian Church. It was said that you could set your clock by the time that they would go out on Friday afternoons, 4:00 on the dot. Usually, these trips out would be for a "Rancher's date" that typically involved cattle. Whether it was a cattle sale or an auction. If it involved cows or a neighbor needing help, Charlie would be there. You could also bank on Charlie and Janet being at the supper club, where they played pinochle and other various card games with their friends. In 2012, Charlie and Janet bought and moved into a house in Torrington, for ease of access to necessary facilities. In their twilight years, they witnessed the marriage of their daughter Charlene to David Cole and their two granddaughters. They also attended the births of two of their great-granddaughters, Cora and Adeline. They were the lights of his life. His favorite title was Grandpa Charlie to so many. He is survived by his wife Janet Nearing, daughter Charlene Cole, granddaughters, Sara (Jacob) Peterson , Retha (Sean) Cummings, and Andrea Campuzano, three Great-Granddaughters Arianna Peterson, Cora Peterson, and Adeline Cummings. He is also survived by his brother, Harry Nearing, sister-in-law Maxine Reed and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Roy and Elaine, Two Sisters Beverly and Macel, his three sons Gene, Mark, Terry and his only Son in Law David.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Laramie Cemetery

Ft. Laramie, WY 82212

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Fort Laramie Community Center

CONNECTED TO: 102 Otis St, Fort Laramie, WY 82212

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Tribute Wall



“ Sally Miller lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Nearing



Sally Miller - February 14, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.

February 13, 2025 at 01:55 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.



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“ From Bandon and Christina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.

From Bandon and Christina - February 12, 2025 at 10:08 PM

FC

“ From Bandon and Christina purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.



From Bandon and Christina - February 12, 2025 at 10:08 PM

RR

“ My condolences go out to Janet, Charlene and extended family members. God bless you all.



Rhonda Reisig - February 12, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TF

“ The Grant / Hankins Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.



The Grant / Hankins Family - February 12, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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“ Class of 1981 purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles "Charlie" Nearing.



Class of 1981 - February 12, 2025 at 08:54 AM

AC

“ Grandpa Charlie and Janet traveled through San Antonio where I’ve lived for over two decades and it has probably been about that long ago. We went to dinner at the Quarry and back at their room we talked and talked.... They have both been so good to me. He will be missed

Andrea Campuzano - February 11, 2025 at 10:53 PM

VP

“ Charlie and Janet were the very first people we met when we moved to Ft. Laramie. They were both wonderful friends and neighbors. They were welcoming in every way 😊😊 Vicki and Ron Pomeroy

vicki pomeroy - February 11, 2025 at 06:07 PM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Charles Nearing



Carol Peterson - February 11, 2025 at 12:40 PM

MM

“ Charlie ,was one of the good guys. Visiting with he and Janet was an adventure into the past. He respected a good cattle man or woman.

Merrijane Clark Morgheim - February 11, 2025 at 09:35 AM

SB

“ Sue Barnes lit a candle in memory of Charles Nearing



Sue Barnes - February 10, 2025 at 10:54 PM



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