



## Darwin Miller

May 8, 1939 - April 23, 2012

Memorial services for DARWIN KEITH MILLER, 72, will be held at 10am Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Dr. Robert E. Smith officiating. Darwin died April 23, 2012 at the Torrington Community Hospital and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Goshen County 4-H Foundation. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Darwin was born on May 8, 1939 in Great Bend, Kansas to Basil K. and Ola C. (Robertson) Miller. The family moved to Goshen County when he was young and he was a lifelong resident of Torrington. Basil Miller passed away on January 18, 1945 and Ola Miller subsequently married William "Bill" Jobe. Darwin and his stepfather Bill work for many years together on the family farm north of Torrington. Darwin graduated from Torrington High School in 1957. In 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Geraldine "Pepper" Hauf. The two enjoyed over fifty-two years of marriage. From this union two children were born, Darin Keith and Geri Dawn. Darwin spent his working years farming north of Torrington and maintained many lifelong friendships with his neighbors in the area. In his younger years he also worked in the lab at Holly Sugar in Torrington. Darwin loved children and spent countless hours mentoring and assisting both his own children and many other area youth with 4-H and FFA projects. He served many years as the Goshen County Fair Sheep Superintendent, on the Torrington FFA Alumni, and the Goshen County

4-H Foundation. He took great passion and joy in his wife, children, and grandchildren. Darwin is survived by his wife Pepper Miller of Torrington; two children Darin Keith Miller and his wife Susan of Casper, Wyoming and Geri Dawn Smith and her husband Kyle of Anchorage, Alaska; two grandchildren, Kolter Keith Smith and Kade Robert Smith of Anchorage; one sister Barbara Kay Spurgin and her husband Tom of Belton, Missouri; and nephews and nieces on both sides of the family. He was preceded in death by his father; stepfather; mother; two sisters; and a brother.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Pepper & family

*I was so sorry to hear the news of Darwin passing.*

*You all our in my thoughts & prayers.*

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**Sharon** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ So sorry that I will be unable to attend, but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. The world lost a great man, but he will always be in your hearts.

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**Cole DesEnfants** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Pepper -

*Barbara Kay just called with the sad news. I am so sorry. Uncle Darwin was such a fine man and I have so many memories of him....Uncle Darwin carrying me into the Drive In Theater through a break in the fence when I was four; riding with him on the tractor when I was a little older; being told to take the Studebaker to fetch water from the house when I had no idea how to drive, "You'll figure it out," he said. And I did. Being treated to a Coors after a hard day of work: going with you to see Johnny Cash in Scottsbluff; meeting up with Darwin in DC when he was there with the Guard; running with him down the steps inside the Washington Monument, and up the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, visiting Arlington Cemetery to see President Kennedy's grave. Many many more memories, great and small. He was the best Uncle a city kid like me could ever ask for.*

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**Bruce Miller** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Darwin was also one of the best officers the Wyoming National Guard ever had RIP LT

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**Mike Callahan** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Hi Pepper - we are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time.

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**Joe & MJ Kendall** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Donna and I would like to express our sincere condolences to Pepper and the family of Darwin. God has given Darwin a new body, a better body, one that can never grow old, never know disease, never suffer pain, and can never die. God has also given you the memories of him. Remember how happy he made you and also how happy you made him. If life is measured by what's left behind... the life of Darwin was truly a successful one.

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**Dale & Donna Radford** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Not only was Darwin a classmate, but I considered him a friend as well. He certainly made his contribution in his lifetime and his memory will also contribute to those who knew him. Pepper, I reach out to you and your entire family with my deepest sympathies and I wish you well.

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**Keith Whitney** - April 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM