



Darwin Schafer

March 22, 1932 - March 5, 2007

TORRINGTON, WY....Memorial services for DARWIN D. SCHAFFER, 74, will be held at 10:30 am on Thursday, March 15, at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Marvin Temme officiating. Cremation has already taken place. Darwin died March 5, 2007 at Emerald Court in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Unit at Emerald Court or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com He was born Darwin Dean Schafer to Earl and Velma(Bosler) Schafer on March 22, 1932 in Wray, Colorado, where he graduated from high school in 1950. He never stopped furthering his education, taking classes and studying just about anything pertaining to farming and ranching. He also took classes offered at his places of employment. He was married to his highschool sweetheart, Barbara Briggs, February 18, 1950 at Wray, Colorado, where they worked on the ranch for Barb's parents for three years. Darwin continued to work around the Wray area until 1956 when they purchased and ran the Conoco Bulk Plant in Holyoke. They later sold their business and Darwin became employed by Martin Marietta as a fireman. When IBM Boulder came to Colorado he accepted employment there as the first corporate fireman. Darwin and Barbara made their home in Longmont, Colorado from 1966 until the year 2000. When he retired from his department at IBM, Darwin worked in international shipping and receiving for three years. The couple then moved to

Torrington to live out retirement in Wyoming where they made many wonderful friends. Darwin was a great husband, the best dad to his two children, Pat and Mike, a wonderful father-in-law, and loving grandpa to his 4 grandchildren. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and also regularly attended the Bethel Baptist Church as well. Darwin loved photography, hiking, square dancing, raising registered cattle and camping. He was a past president of the local chapter of AARP, a volunteer fireman in Holyoke, Colorado, Gleaner's Union, the hospital auxiliary, and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington, Wyoming. Survivors include his wife Barbara Schafer of Torrington, Wyoming; a brother Darrel (Rita) Schafer of Fort Collins, Colorado; son-in-law Dan Cavanaugh of Centennial, Colorado; daughter-in-law Cindy Schafer of Kaysville, Utah; many nieces and nephews; four grandchildren, and one expected great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws Ralph and Fern Briggs, daughter Patricia Cavanaugh and son Mike Schafer, and two infant grandchildren.

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ To Dar...I remember you from a long ago or so it seems; back in our IBM days and you were also the gentleman farmer/rancher just south of Hygiene, Colorado. We talked farming and ranching alot because you were doing it and I always wished I had.

Rest in Peace and know that you left a good mark on the Earth...Bob Johnson

To Dar's family: What a great human! It was my pleasure to have known Dar Schafer.

Robert (Bob) Johnson - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dar you will always be remembered as the BEST neighbor we ever had. I will always remember the hedge you planted that seperated our yards, how beautiful it was in the fall of the year and how my cat loved to hide in it.

Barb, this is to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this most dificult and sad time.

Alice

Alice Rumsey - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Dar. We rented your home when our twins were born. You were both wonderful to us & we really appreciated it. It sounds like you have been through a lot of loss, Barb, and I am very sorry. Take care of yourself and know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Carol Costel (Boschee) - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Barb*
We were so sorry to read about Dar.
We will try to call you soon. Please drop us a note or call if your
Torrington address & phone # have changed.

Vivian

Del & Vivian Temple - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dar, I will recall with happiness the many years we went hunting*
together and also the times you spent teaching the maintenance
guys at IBM on how to fight fires and to operate the fire truck. I will
miss you and wish we could have visited you in Torrington these
last few years.
Barb, Jenny and I are sorry for your loss and mourn the loss of a
good friend.

Bob Bean - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Barbara, I was surprised and shocked to read about Darwin in the*
paper. I always remember that he was one of the first people to
come into J.C. Penney and say hello to me 23 years ago. I am a
very distant relative of yours thru the Renzelman clan.
Darwin and I were born on March 22ed. 1932. I had planned to give
him a call this March 22ed. to wish him a happy birthday.
Once again we are both so sorry.
Take care and love from Don and Jan

Don and Jan Renzelman - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Barb, we were so very sorry to learn that Dar had passed away. We enjoyed the many times we square danced together with the Scootbacks. Our sympathy to you and your family.*

Bob & Sandy Barbato - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Barb,*

So very sorry to hear about Dar. We have many fond memories of him and remember spending many hours watching him with his new calves each spring.

You are in our thoughts & prayers.

Sincerely,

Rex & Elma Chandler

Rex & Elma Chandler - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ *We are sad to see that Darwin has passed away, and hope you are doing o.k. Barbara. It is terrible to be a widow, but what can one do...God Bless and Keep You.*

We are getting ready for our 49th summer season; hope to make it thru 50, at least. All clubs are still going; however, smaller crowds, but still making it.

We sure had a bad winter. What about you? Take Care.

LaVern Johnson

LaVern Johnson - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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Mariolfq - March 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM