



Donald "D.D." Reed

June 15, 1920 - July 31, 2011

TORRINGTON, WY. . . . Memorial services for DONALD DWIGHT "D.D." REED, 91, will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 10:00am at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Steven Seng officiating. "D.D." died on July 31, 2011 at his home in Torrington. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to the "Downing Reed Scholarship" at Eastern Wyoming College. Colyer Funeral Home assisted the family with cremation arrangements. D.D. was born on June 15, 1920 in Renfrow, Oklahoma the son of Harry and Minnie (Princehouse) Reed. He grew up in Pond Creek, Oklahoma and graduated in 1937 from Pond Creek High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Oklahoma in 1941. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Army and served in the ETO and Pacific Theatres from 1941 until 1946. He was discharged as Major. He then served in the US Army Reserves from 1946 until 1980, during which time he was promoted to the rank of full Colonel. During his Army career he met and married Lois I. Downing in Cheyenne, Wyoming on September 4, 1942. Their first daughter, Sharon, was born in Cheyenne a year later. Following his discharge from service, DD and Lois opened "Top Hat Cleaners" in Pond Creek, Oklahoma and operated that business for two years. In November of 1947 they moved to Torrington, Wyoming where D.D. joined his father-in-law, C.O. Downing, in the Real Estate & Insurance Business. Lois and Dwight had three more children; daughters, Jody and Mary, and son, Don; all born in Torrington. During these years, Lois joined the family business, and both Dwight and Lois were active

members of the community and the Presbyterian Church until Lois's death in 1997. D.D. was past president of the following organizations: the Independent Insurance Agents of Wyoming, the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Development Corporation and the Torrington Rotary Club. He was also a member of the Torrington Planning Commission, the American Association of Certified Appraisers and the National Association of Realtors. In addition, he was a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, a life member of the American Legion Travis Snow Post #5 of Torrington, and the Torrington Veterans of Foreign Wars Paul A. Johnston Post #2918. Dwight married Barbara Wunder in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Torrington; three daughters, Sharon Smith and her fiancé Ralph Lindahl of Bozeman, Montana; Jody Reed and her husband Terry Mackey of Plano, Texas; and Mary Boyd of Eagle, Colorado; and his son, Don Reed and his wife, Susy, of Torrington, Wyoming; six grandchildren, Dave Smith, Mike Smith, and Lori Reed of Missoula, Montana; and Sam Boyd, Emily Boyd, and Amanda Boyd all of Eagle, Colorado; and two great grand children: Chloe Smith and Hamish Smith of Missoula, Montana. He is also survived by his nephews, Gene and Doug Reed and their families. In addition, he is survived by his step-children, Gene Butts, Rick (Shawna) Butts, and Melody (Marc) Boalch, and five step-grandchildren: Kristen and Marc Boalch, Jr; and Conrad, Madison, and John Butts. In addition to his parents and his wife, Lois, Dwight was preceded in death by three brothers, and one sister.

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Dwight, or double D as he was sometimes called was a hard man to get to know well. Through the Torrington Investment Club 15, of which he was a Charter Member, I discovered a man of great talent and intelligence. We often worked together well and as a result developed a close friendship. We will all miss an outstanding man with a great deal to offer to both his community and world. I extend my sincere sympathy to his entire family.

Keith Whitney - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Barbara,
I've just read of Dwight's death. I am sorry he is gone. I will always remember him. And to his children: I was his nurse the day of his birthday party in the hospital 2010 - you all had a real fun time that day and I'll remember it forever.
Mourn well.
michelle

Michelle Chase - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ We heard many wonderful stories about Dwight through Sharon and Ralph. His bravery during WW11, his love of fun and his jokes. Then came the day when we met him, and we were lucky to do so, as there are not many characters around like him. Although a brief encounter we shall miss him.
Love to you all. Hunt and Sue

Hunt and Sue McCauley - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ DD Reed Family,
Sorry for your loss. Our parents I'm sure are having a good time, now with their cotails and all. They always had a good laugh and time.
I got to know your folks when Mom (Marge Kroenlein) worked for them. I would go for tea break with your Mom and mine alot.
DD would seem to always have a joke or two to tell. I am sure he will be missed, but never forgot.
Take Care,
Aimee Kroenlein Unverzagt

Dave & Aimee(Kroenlein) Unverzagt - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Jody and to all the Family,
I have fond memories of your Dad..his smile and kindness. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Our lives have 'touched' once again..as June Lenhart, also listed on this site, was my mother-in-law. May you have a celebration of life to honor your father as we did for June. Blessings to you. Carol

Carol Daily Lenhart - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ We are thinking about you.

Herman and Cheryl Boltjes - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I worked for DD and C.O. briefly in 1954-55. Sorry for your loss. I grew up in Torrington, and have lived in Idaho for 48 years.

Marion Harris Weickum - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dwight was a great man I admired him very much. Such a delightful person to talk with. Love you Dwight

Ethel Reed - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Dwight was a friend and businessman with whom the Peterson Family did business for many years. His name was well known in the community and he will be missed by many. My condolences.
Donna Peterson

Donna Petersosn - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time.

Kelea Burns - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ My condolence to the family of D.D. I worked briefly for he and his father in 1955. I grew up in Torrington so the Reed's were a vital family in our lives. Blessings to you all

Marion Harris Weickum - July 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM