



## Donald Wayne Warfield

December 24, 1940 - March 21, 2023

DON WARFIELD, 82, of Torrington, Wyoming died March 21, 2023 at home surrounded by his family. Cremation has taken place. At his request no formal services are planned. He suggested that family members hold a private memorial gathering at a time and place of their choosing. The Colyer Funeral Home assisted the family with the cremation arrangements.

Donald Wayne Warfield was born December 24, 1940 at Madison, South Dakota the son of Ellis and Irma (Woodcock) Warfield. He was raised on the family farm southwest of Madison. He graduated from Orland Consolidated School in 1959. He earned a bachelor's degree from Dakota State University and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi. He took additional graduate study at the University of Missouri.

He married Delores Jean Landis August 26, 1962 at Colman, South Dakota. Two children were born to them.

In 1965 Warfield became an assistant professor of English at the University of South Dakota-Springfield. His specialties were British literature, Shakespeare and technical writing. He became director of the USD-S News Bureau in 1972. Besides producing news articles and photos, he supervised a total overhaul of the college's marketing program.

Springfield lies along the banks of the Missouri River. The family enjoyed many camping, fishing and hunting opportunities.

Nineteen seventy-seven brought a major career change and a move to Gillette, Wyoming. Warfield accepted a position with AMAX Coal Company as a community and media relations representative. He continued in that position for the company's coal and environmental services divisions until January 1986. Those nine years gave him an invaluable insight into the vital role of industry and business in America and the essential goodness of American works.

Upon leaving AMAX he founded and operated Don Warfield Communications in Gillette. His services included public relations and political consulting, writing, photography and video production. Mining manufacturing and tourism were major clients.

He maintained a life-long interest in post-secondary education. He served on various vocational-technical advisory committees, taught English and photography as an adjunct faculty member of Northern Wyoming Community College District, and served four years on the Wyoming Community College Commission.

He briefly accepted a full-time position in college marketing in Arizona in 2003. Fortunately, he was able to return to Wyoming in 2005. He ended his career as a government relations consultant and as a staff writer for the Riverton (Wyoming) Ranger.

Flying, hunting and recreational shooting were among his passions. As a pilot, he held private and instrument ratings and logged approximately 3,000 flight hours. He and his wife traveled much of the United States in their Piper Comanche. Many trips took them to visit their beloved children and

grandchildren. Despite being a self-described “lousy hunter” and “mediocre” shooting competitor, he enjoyed both immensely. He was a longtime member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and the National Rifle Association.

Warfield is survived by his wife of sixty years; daughter Darla (Rich) Knowlton, and son Grant (Sarah) Warfield; and grandchildren William Knowlton and Olivia and Anna Warfield; and sister Betty Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, James.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a great colleague and friend. His life was filled with actions that helped others. He was brilliantly quiet, but a great thinker and doer. His contributions to humanity are there for those interested. A very long and powerful witness to his acts of kindness and substance. RIP my friend and colleague. Thomas Henry, PhD, Chancellor Emeritus, Mohave Colleges, Arizona higher education system. 🙏❤️👼



thomas henry - Yesterday at 05:29 PM

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“ What a voice. Don was a great guy who I got to know through my newspaper business. He should have been in radio. A good guy. Wondered what had happened to him. We had not had any contact for many years, unfortunately.

Bill Sniffin, Lander - March 26, 2023 at 10:00 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss, Dolores. God bless you. Kathryn and Neal Kelly

Kathryn Kelly - March 25, 2023 at 12:52 PM

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“ Patricia-Ament Nesbit lit a candle in memory of Donald Warfield



Patricia-Ament Nesbit - March 24, 2023 at 02:59 PM

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“ *LaDonna Feagler lit a candle in memory of Donald Warfield*



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**LaDonna Feagler** - March 23, 2023 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Royce Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Donald Warfield*



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**Royce and Carolyn Nelson** - March 23, 2023 at 11:11 AM