



Earl Stroud

April 6, 1920 - March 22, 2008

Memorial services for Earl Russell Stroud, 87, will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 2:00pm at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington, Wyoming with Pastor Roy Phillips officiating. An earlier memorial service will be held at 10am in Douglas, Wyoming at the Gorman Funeral Homes-Converse Chapel. Burial will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle, Wyoming. Stroud, a resident of Douglas and former businessman of Torrington, Douglas, and Scottsbluff, died Saturday, March 22, 2008 at the Memorial Hospital of Converse County in Douglas. He was born April 6, 1920 in Lingle, Wyoming the son of Lester B. and Edith Maye (Martin) Stroud. He was reared and educated in Lingle, graduating from the Lingle High School in 1940. He worked at the family farm, a filling station, and lumber yard in Lingle as a young man. He was married to Emma Lou Koehler on June 13, 1942 in Torrington, Wyoming. They moved to Torrington, and he began his career in the grocery business first working for Safeway. In 1946 he bought a grocery store in south Torrington, which he named Stroud's Grocery Store. In 1957 he remodeled a building for the store, and in 1961 built a new store. In 1971 he sold the Torrington store and moved to Douglas where he owned and operated Stroud's Grocery Store, and selling the store to Decker's in 1977. He moved to Scottsbluff, Nebraska and bought the Town and Country Grocery Store, and retired in 1979. They moved back to Douglas, where he spent his retirement years. He enjoyed going to garage sales and auctions. His true love was his antique and collectible cars and going to coffee with his buddies.

He loved to spend time with his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Emma Lou, of Douglas; daughter, Marcia (George) Nash of Torrington; sister, Arlene (Harry) Satchell and family of Bridgeport, Nebraska; sisters-in-law, Mary Stroud and family of Cheyenne, Wyoming and Betty Pirtle and daughter, Beverly of Santa Anna, California; brother-in-law, Roger (Janet) Koehler and family of Oak Ridge, Tennessee; grandchildren, Ronda (Ted) Stienmetz of Casper, Wyoming and Larry (Jamie) Schaneman of Torrington; great grandchildren, Meralyn, Darbi (Joe), Russell (Kendra), Lacy (Tony), Emma Lee (Stacy), and Kohl; great-great grandchildren, Mattie, Brynn, Talon, and Cooper; and step grandchildren, Lisa Tuttle and family and Megan Mitchell and family. Earl was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Homer, Warren, Floyd, and Walter Stroud. A memorial to the Lone Tree Bible Ranch, P.O. Box 378, Glendo, Wyoming 82213 or to the Douglas Ambulance Service in care of the Memorial Hospital of Converse County, 111 South Fifth Street, Douglas, Wyoming 82633 would be appreciated by the family. Gorman Funeral Homes - Converse Chapel of Douglas and Colyer Funeral Home of Torrington are in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *sorry to here*

melinda lampman - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *When I was 17 years old, just out of high school, and leaving home for the first time Uncle Earl and Aunt Emma Lou took me in and I stayed with them until I found a job and an apartment. I always appreciated their generosity they gave a scared kid just off the farm without a clue what to do. I will always remember what they did for me. Who can think of Uncle Earl without thinking of Aunt Emma Lou. They have done so much for so many people. As my sister wrote he had tremendous strength in those Stroud hands - he could put anyone down to their knees - no matter how big they thought they were. He was a short man with an enormous heart. He will really be missed by all who knew him.*

Janet Rae Whitman-Fisher - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ *Dear Emma Lou and Family - read about Earl's passing in the Casper paper on-line; sorry for your loss. He was a good man and always treated me great when I worked for you when I was a boy. Sorry that we have not kept in touch with you over the years. Thanks for everything. Bennie Otero*

Bennie/Diann Otero - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ He was a STROUD - As we all are.

The man I knew (maybe not so well) tried his best to keep peace among his family members. It wasn't an easy job to say the least.

He loved to tease me and mine, and I GREATLY loved to tease him back. One time I teased him and with those enormous Stroud hands he squeezed my leg and caused it to be black and blue for several days.

He generously gave to many in need when they were trying to get by in times when there wasn't much to live on. My brother told me a story about Uncle Earl giving him a pair of jeans (which I'm sure James needed badly at the time) when dad went to buy groceries at the small store on the south side.

I loved him in my own way and I believe he is up there trying once again to keep peace among the STROUDS.

Joette Stroud Samson

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