



Erma Ray

March 17, 1928 - March 21, 2010

TORRINGTON, WY..... Funeral services for ERMA MARJORIE RAY, 82, will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 10:30am at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel in Torrington, Wyoming with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Viewing hours are Thursday from 3-7pm at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle, Wyoming. Memorials can be made to the Senior Friendship Center. As the poet Dylan Thomas put it....Erma “raged and raged against the dying of ‘her’ light” for many years until she succumbed to her illness. She passed away gently in her house she loved with her family beside her, on Sunday evening March 21, 2010. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. She was born in Parnell, Missouri to Clarence and Alma (Parker) Miller on March 17, 1928. She had four sisters and six brothers. Erma moved to Torrington, Wyoming as a young woman, where she met and married William “Bill” Ray on July 3, 1946. They raised five children on the family farm west of town until Bill’s death in 1977. Erma never remarried and raised her children alone. She was also greatly involved with the upbringing of her grandchildren as well. Erma is survived by her son Gary(Pam) Ray and children Tasha, Karrie, and Dwight, all of Colorado; son Dennis Ray and his children Andrea, Melissa, and David, all of Wyoming; son Larry Ray of Torrington, and daughter Linda (Jerry) Keeran and their children Aleighica and Sarandon whose devotion and care helped Erma to remain at home. She is also survived by seven great

grandchildren, daughter-in-law Toni Ray of Wyoming; brother Dean (JoAnn) Miller of Illinois; her sister Verla Reynolds of Missouri, and many other distant family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, daughter Lori, niece Jackie Bales, sisters Viola Musick, Beulah Jordon, and Dolly Corum, and brothers, Dale, Clarence, Raymond, Junior, and Jack Miller. Of all the treasures life may bring, your family means the most. And whether near or far apart, that love will hold you close. Erma will be missed forever by her family.

Tribute Wall

PM

“ We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of Erma. You are in our thoughts and our prayers at this time. May God hold you close and help you through this sad time in your lives.

Paul and Norma

Paul Miller - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Miss the way you talked & your laughter but we will always have the memories. In memory Aunt Erma Marge.

Love to everyone.

Diana

Diana(Miller)&Mike Butler - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ We are so sorry to hear about Erma Marge. Our thoughts and prayers are with you kids and friends. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Eural and I grew up together. At one of the grade schools we attended in Missouri, she was my teacher, if you can imagine only 6 kids in the whole school. I lived with her and Bill in summer of 1950. We had a lot of fun and hard times but at no time, did I not love her. Will miss her for just being my sister.

Rest in peace. Dean

Dean and JoAnn - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My heart is aching and tears are flowing and I just want to hug you all! I cherish all the memories of time spent with you and wish for more. I remember being so excited to go to the Miller Family Reunion, getting there & shyness setting in for some reason...and looking for those Wyoming plates and then seeing Aunt Erma's big smile and hearing her beautiful 'Wyoming draw': "W e I l..., Dean...how are you" as she hugs my dad & mom. I really love you all...

Dave, Brenda(Miller) & Jenna - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Linda, I was very sorry to read of the loss of your mom.

Kathy - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ Dear Ray Family,
Sorry about your Mother..I remember her, so well when she and Gramma Conyers (Marie) ran around with each other. They sure had a good time. I think they hit every garage sale there were. Your Mom was really good to Marie too.
I know she will be missed.
Take care,
Aimee & Dave

Dave & Aimee Unverzagt - March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM