



## Ernest Blunsom

June 6, 1915 - September 17, 2007

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for ERNEST 'OLAF' BLUNSOM,92, will be held at 2:00p.m. Friday, September 21, 2007 at the United Methodist Church with Reverend Ora Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Olaf died at Community Hospital September 17, 2007. Memorials have been established to the Red Cross or the Special Touch Program. Visitation will be Thursday from 1:00 to 7:00p.m., Friday from 9:00a.m. to noon, and prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Olaf was born June 6, 1915 in Darlington, England the son of Reginald and Lillian (Sibson) Blunsom. They moved to Kirkwood, South Africa when he was six and he went to schools in Uitenhage for elementary and high school, and to college at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa where he received a BA Degree in Accounting. He served in the South African 11th Field Ambulance Army for five years during World War II. where he was captured in Sidireziah and was a POW for eighteen months in Italy. Olaf married Isabella Dunning on January 1, 1949 in Kirkwood, South Africa and they moved to the United States in 1957, to Omaha, Nebraska in 1958, and then to Torrington in 1962. He became a naturalized citizen in 1962 by Judge Hathaway but remained a British citizen. He received his CPA in Nebraska where he had the highest scores statewide. He joined an accounting firm from Scottsbluff, Nebraska and ran their Torrington branch of which he later bought.

He retired in 1985. Olaf was a tennis singles champion when he was in South Africa. He also liked to swim, read, listen to classical music, and play the piano. Since his retirement he was writing a book on History and International Law. He was a member of tennis clubs, Sons of England, and the Quaker Society of Friends in South Africa, and a member of the United Methodist Church and Rotary International where he served as president of the local chapter while Lewis Colyer was District Governor. Olaf is survived by his wife Isabella of Torrington; a son Reginald Blunsom and his wife Chris of Torrington; four daughters, Carol Riley of Torrington, Pamela Soriano and her husband Paul of Spearfish, South Dakota, Mary Scott of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Dr. Laurie Blunsom of Fargo, North Dakota; a brother David Blunsom of Gauteng, South Africa; fifteen grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; a cousin in England; and numerous nieces and nephews in Canada and South Africa. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Alison W. Blunsom, and Edith Goodliff.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Olaf gave me my first accounting job after college. His work ethic and auditing knowledge has helped me in my accounting career. I will always remember the kindness Isabelle and Olaf showed a wet behind the ears college student.*

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**scott bird** - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *A dear uncle who set a rare example. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Malcolm and Cynthia Morris** - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Loving, kind, thoughtful, generous in his own quiet way -a special Uncle who will be missed.*

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**Connie Burgher** - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Pam, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. I recently lost my dad and I know how hard it is to lose a parent. Please extend my condolences to Reggie and Christine also.*

*Please call or email me when you get a chance.*

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**Cindi Rieb** - September 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM