



## Franklin Charles Smith

December 31, 1936 - December 22, 2012

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Torrington, Wyoming--- Franklin Charles Smith, 75, died December 22, 2012 at his home in Torrington, Wyoming.

Memorial services will be held at 11 am Saturday, January 5 at the Colyer Funeral Home with Reverend Rick Cederholm officiating.. Cremation has taken place and burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home chapel and friends may leave their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Franklin was born December 31, 1936, in Casper, Wyoming the son of Charles and Frances (Julian) Smith. He grew up in Casper and graduated from Natrona County High School in 1955. He attended Casper College and received his Associates of Arts degree in 1957. Franklin continued his education at the University of Wyoming, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science in 1961. Franklin was in the US Army and was stationed at Walter Reed Navel Center. He received an honorable discharge in September 1963.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. Franklin had loyal friends with whom he enjoyed hunting and fishing trips through his lifetime. He was a devoted target shooter, spending many hours at the Gun Club. He enjoyed fishing and target shooting with his brother Richard.

Franklin was employed by the State of Wyoming for 33 years, most of those

years with the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. He wore many hats for WDA, from sanitation at the State Fair Grounds in his early years, to grasshopper spraying, and other jobs. He was a meat inspector for many years. When he began inspecting meat for the WDA he was the only meat inspector. He was an excellent resource in food and meat sciences for his colleagues. He was a CHS meat label officer for many years.

He continued his education at the University of Wyoming while working in Laramie. He completed his Master's Degree in Animal Sciences in 1973. In 1983, Franklin was doing inspection in Laramie and was transferred to Torrington due to the death of the IIC in Torrington. He became the Inspector In Charge at Kelly Packing Co. and retired from the State of Wyoming in October 1995.

Throughout most of his adult life, Franklin took college classes in a wide variety of fields. He believed in trying to broaden his fields of knowledge and thought it a shame not to take college classes if one lived in a "college town". At age 75, he completed his last college course at EWC, only days before he passed away.

Franklin was a dedicated enthusiast of his daily workouts at EWC Fitness Center. Many lasting friendships were formed during his 24 years of exercising.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Richard Smith. He is survived by his sister Ann Frances Smith of Casper, Wyoming.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Franklin was my shooting buddy this Fall. He is greatly missed!*

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**Kimberly Russell** - January 03, 2013 at 11:34 AM

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“ *I met Franklin thru the EWC fitness center, and enjoyed his compamy shooting and fishing. I am very sorry for your loss, and will miss Frank greatly.*

*Dennis Yost  
Torrington, WY*

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**Dennis Yost** - January 02, 2013 at 08:25 PM