



## Galen Rice

January 2, 1930 - November 1, 2020

A Celebration of Life for GALEN A. RICE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Galen died November 1, 2020 at the Residency in Scottsbluff, Nebraska and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Galen was born January 2, 1930 in Lusk, Wyoming. His family moved to Torrington and Galen graduated from high school there. He was a rancher who loved what he did. He began his financial livelihood by raising and selling rabbits to a buyer in Cheyenne and breaking horses. He often worked in the sale barn ring. He purchased a place east of Lingle, Wyoming and was soon drafted into the army. His parents moved to the place. When his father was killed in a trucking accident, he was honorably discharged to take care of his property. He fed cattle, hauled cattle commercially, and worked at the sugar factory. Galen began dating a gal from Yoder, Wyoming who was in nurses training in Hastings, Nebraska. They dated off and on for five years. On October 6, 1957 he married Bonnie McConnaha. They had three children- Larry Rice, Bryan (Donna) Rice and Sherri (Steve) Shaw. They have five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Their's was a true western partnership. The family worked together and played together. The arena was their "play pen" and Galen and Bonnie roped together in competition. They enjoyed 4-H and all activities the children were involved in. Galen was very progressive. He put in underground pipelines. He bought a farm near Lingle

and was one of the first in the area to farm minimum till. He bought and sold cattle and never needed a calculator to figure prices in the sale ring. He loved the Lord and all the years while growing up his children saw him as he sat in the morning reading his Bible. He was known to talk to others about the importance of forgiving others. He was a leader in church and served on the school board for several years. He was generous in giving to others. They lived in Morrill across the road from grandkids for five years after retiring. They have since lived in the retirement community in Scottsbluff with all their family living nearby.

Galen was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Edna Rice and one brother, Art. He is survived by his wife of sixty-three years; his children and their families; and several nieces and nephews.

# Tribute Wall

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Galen Rice*



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**Darin Yates** - November 13, 2020 at 02:53 PM

LS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Galen passing. Thoughts and prayers Bonnie*

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**Lori Sharp** - November 12, 2020 at 08:55 PM

MK

“ *Bonnie, I am thinking of you as you send Galen on his big adventure. Wish I could come and give you a big hug. Love, Margy Karpf*

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**Margy Karpf** - November 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM

TJ

“ *Thinking of the whole family. Our mom Shirley Hladky sends her condolences as well. Tracy Johnson*



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**Tracy Johnson** - November 11, 2020 at 07:10 PM

KE

“ *Our prayer is for God’s peace & love to surround your family.  
Our sincere condolences,  
Howard & Karin Eisenhauer*



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**Karin Eisenhauer** - November 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DR

“ *Debi Reichert lit a candle in memory of Galen Rice*



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**Debi Reichert** - November 06, 2020 at 10:43 PM

DS

“ *Danni Stamm lit a candle in memory of Galen Rice*



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**Danni Stamm** - November 06, 2020 at 06:02 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Galen Rice*



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**Theil Ryan** - November 03, 2020 at 01:17 PM