



Gary Lee Mehling

January 26, 1949 - November 20, 2019

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for GARY LEE MEHLING, 70, will be held at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Lyman, Nebraska with Reverend Dr. Robert Smith & Pastor Cindy Bowker officiating. Burial will follow at the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Gary died while tending his cattle east of Hawk Springs, WY. Memorials may be made to the Immanuel United Church of Christ. Viewing will be Monday, November 25th from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Gary was born January 26, 1949 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska in the Blizzard of '49, the youngest son of Jake Jr. and Irene (Reichert) Mehling. He grew up in the Huntley, Wyoming area and graduated from Huntley High School in 1967. He then attended Eastern Wyoming College where he played on their first basketball team. In August of 1970 he married his best friend and love of his life, Kathy Smith. Gary went on to earn his degree from the University of Wyoming in Agricultural Engineering in December 1971. He was hand-picked by the Wyoming State Engineer as a Hydrographer-Commissioner right out of college, starting in March 1972. He also served in the Wyoming National Guard for 5 years. Moving back to Goshen County, Gary & Kathy built their home across the road from his original childhood home in the Table Mountain area, raising a son & a daughter there. While he was working for the state,

they also started farming and ranching, first alongside his parents, then brothers Harold & Bob, and later their kids, Kelly & Jamie. Through the years they primarily grew corn, alfalfa, and small grains and even tried turnips. They also raised many cattle in that time finally settling on Salers after trying Shorthorns, Herefords and Limousines. In 2013, after 41 years working in Torrington for the State Engineer's Office, he retired so he could focus on his love of farming & ranching. From the time he was old enough to milk a cow, he farmed with his family, for about 65 years.

Gary enjoyed spending quality time with his kids & grandkids, especially on the farm, and supporting all their activities. He also enjoyed taking care of his cows & calves, fishing in the mountains & chatting with friends. He was on the Goshen County Weed and Pest Board for many years and served in several positions at the Immanuel United Church of Christ. Gary's family & friends will always remember him for his quick smile, fun-loving attitude, friendliness and above all his amazing work ethic.

Gary is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathy of Torrington; a son Kelly (Jamie) Mehling also of Torrington; a daughter Jamie (Tim) Rasnake of Wheatland, WY; two brothers Bob Mehling and Harold (Marilyn) Mehling both of Torrington; five grandchildren Bailey, Cassidy & Rory Mehling and Kaylee & Chase Rasnake and many extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Immanuel United Church of Christ
417 W O St
Lyman, NE 69352

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers!* ”



Kenny Gibson - December 02, 2019 at 09:42 AM

AM

“ *Allan Martens lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Mehling* ”



Allan Martens - November 27, 2019 at 02:28 PM

AG

“ *Dear Kathy and family,
Gary was one of the nicest men I have known. I met him years ago when I worked for GID. He was always smiling and kind. I still saw him occasionally when he came to our office to order cattle trucks. I am extremely sorry for you and all of us lucky enough to have known Gary. He will be greatly missed.* ”

Andrea Sittner Griffin

ANDREA GRIFFIN - November 27, 2019 at 10:37 AM

MS

“ Mike Schaneman lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Mehling



Mike Schaneman - November 26, 2019 at 05:55 PM

TR

“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Mehling



Theil Ryan - November 26, 2019 at 02:14 PM

VK

“ Gary was a good, honest neighbor and will be greatly missed. It made my day to pass him on the road because always had a smile and wave. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Kind regards, Eric & Vicki Kler



Vicki Kler - November 25, 2019 at 09:49 PM

SH

“ Sharon Hackett lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Mehling



Sharon Hackett - November 25, 2019 at 08:06 PM

LI

“ Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of Gary Lee Mehling



Loren and Shirley Isbell - November 25, 2019 at 02:32 PM

KF

“ Kent Lang and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gary Lee Mehling.



Kent Lang and Family - November 25, 2019 at 03:53 AM

TF

“ Ted&Barb,Trede, Mary Lane,Ann McClelland & families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Lee Mehling.



Ted&Barb,Trede, Mary Lane,Ann McClelland & families - November 23, 2019 at 10:36 AM