



Harold Matthews

December 1, 1914 - February 21, 2008

TORRINGTON, WY . . . Funeral services for HAROLD A. MATTHEWS, 93, will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, February 25, 2008 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Cederholm officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Harold died on February 21, 2008 at the Goshen Care Center in Torrington. Visitation hours will be held on Sunday from 3pm to 7pm at the funeral home and the casket will be open at the church service. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions in Harold's memory to either the First Baptist Church or to the Goshen Care Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Harold was born on December 1, 1914 in Bayard, Nebraska the son of Clarence A. and Georena D. (Olson) Matthews. The family moved to Minatare living there until Harold's mother passed away from flu and childbirth complications. The children then went to live in Aurora, Nebraska with their grandparents; later moving to Giltner, Nebraska with their father. Harold attended schools in Aurora, Omaha, and North Platte, Nebraska.

On May 21, 1932, he married Doris Mary Baty in Ringgold County, Nebraska. The family lived in North Platte, Nebraska where Harold was employed as a chef in numerous cafes; Union Pacific Depot, Shafer's, and Joe's Dine and Dance. He and his family moved to Torrington in 1946 where he and his

brothers, Maro and Eugene, owned and operated the Wyoming Grill for 21 years. After the Grill was sold, Harold went to work at the University of Wyoming, at Laramie, Wyoming, as a meat cutter for the food service department. He and Doris returned to Torrington where Harold worked for the Goshen County School District as a custodian and drove school bus for 15 years. When he retired, Harold continued to drive school bus. During this time also, Harold and his brother, Eugene started the Chicken Hut in Torrington. After the Chicken Hut was sold, he drove the Senior Center transportation vehicles for seven years. Harold spent the next several years being a caretaker for his wife, Doris. They had been married 65 years at the time of her death in 1998. Harold entered the Goshen Care Center in December of 2004.

He is survived by one daughter, Jerina Curran of Torrington; five sons, Jack (Joanne) Matthews of Torrington; Daryl (Laurel) Matthews of California; Bernard (Dorothy) Matthews of Wheatland, Wyoming; James Matthews of Torrington; and Robert (Linda) Matthews of Glenrock, Wyoming; his brother, Maro (Helen) Matthews of Torrington; 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 10 great-great grandchildren, and two great-great-great granddaughters, 10 step-great-grandchildren, and eight great-great step-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his beloved wife, Harold was preceded in death by his son Donald; brother, Eugene; sister, Delia; a son-in-law, Mil Curran, daughter-in-law, Paula Matthews, and one grandson, Neal.

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“ *Our prayers for your transition, Jack and Joanne and to your siblings. We know you loved Harold very much.*

Stan & Marion Weickum - February 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Having known the Matthews family for years and having Daryl as a classmate and Jack and Joanne as friends over the years, I can honestly say that Harold was a friend to all of us not only when we were young but through the years as we moved on with our lives. I reach out to all the family and extend my condolences.*

*Sincerely,
Keith Whitney*

Keith Whitney - February 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM