



## Harold Ramirez

January 2, 1930 - October 31, 2009

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral Mass for HAROLD RAMIREZ 79, will be celebrated at 10am Friday, November 6, 2009 at St. Rose Catholic Church with The Very Reverend Fathers Kevin Koch and Michael Carr as co-officiants. Cremation will take place following the service and private family burial will take place at a later date. Harold died at his home on October 31, 2009. Military honors will take place outside the church following the mass. A Rosary/Wake service will be held on Thursday November 5, 2009 at 7pm at the church. The casket will be closed. 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). Harold was born January 2, 1930 in Lingle, Wyoming to Joe and Susie Ramirez the oldest of thirteen children. On September 22, 1951 he married the love of his life, Romie Lira and together they celebrated fifty-five years of marriage. From the time he was able to touch the gas pedal he was farming with his father. At the age of eighteen he joined the National Guard and retired in 1988 a Chief Warrant Officer W4. Harold was one of a kind. He was the backbone of the Ramirez and Lira families. He was a mentor to his family and to his community. If you needed him he was there. He was one fantastic cook. We will miss his menudo and mole. He will be missed not only by his family but by his extended family and a countless number of friends. Harold served on numerous organizations: Silver Haired Legislature, Senior Center Board, Our Clothing Store Board, South Torrington Water and Sewer Board, Veterans Council, Family and

Friends Support, Fair Board Committee, Torrington Alumni Council, Wyoming National Guard Retiree Council, and the 960th Reunion Board. He enjoyed being a member of the Goshen County 8-Ball League. He was one mean pool player. He participated in table tennis and 8-ball at Senior Olympics for several years. This past summer he attended the National Senior Olympics at Stanford University. He was Goshen County Fire Warden for numerous years. The club he put his heart into was the Guadalupe Society. Harold is survived by his daughter Dianne Rodriguez of Casper, Wyoming; a son Robert Ramirez and his wife Rebecca of Torrington, Wyoming; he was so proud of his six grandchildren, Michael, Primo, Gabriel, Melissa, Pamela, and Kristina; he was cherished by his seven great grandchildren; six brothers, Joe (Ellen) Ramirez and Ray Ramirez of Douglas, Wyoming, Tom (Bonnie) Ramirez and Johnny Ramirez of Gillette, Wyoming, Charles (Adel) Lira of Pasadena, California, and Frudy Lira of Torrington; seven sisters, Josie (Gus) Apodaca of Guernsey, Wyoming, Sally Pena of San Jose, California, Isabel (Pete) Martinez of Casper, Charlotte Diaz of Douglas, Cathy (Steve) Bubnick of Denver, Colorado, Dora Renteria of Arvada, Colorado, and Ramona Lira of Lingle, Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his wife Romie; his parents Joe and Susie; brothers Harry and Nick; sister Lupe; six infant children; and one granddaughter.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ TO ALL OF HAROLD'S FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILIES. OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES. MAY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER COMFORT YOU IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY EVERYONE. HE WAS THERE FOR OUR FAMILY WHEN MOM AND DAD (JOHN AND DELLA MONTANO) PASSED AWAY. HE HAD A HEART OF GOLD. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Margarito & Elvera (Montano) Marquez - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ My sincerest sympathy to Johnny and Ray on the loss of your brother, Harold. Condolences to the rest of the family.

Pat O'Neal - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ The first time I remember seeing Harold was when he greeted my mom as he was going to communion at mass. They obviously knew each other from the joy on her face. This was in 2003 after she had suffered a massive stroke. Most Sundays I teased her about who is that handsome man you know. She would giggle, but the stroke left her unable to speak or tell me. A couple of years later my interest in broadening my knowledge of my Catholicism and true Mexican food preparation led me to join the Guadalupe Society. Thank you Harold for the kitchen hours I was blessed to share with you. I was on my way to Mexico on vacation on the day you left us and did not find out until the day after your funeral. How much you will be missed by all. I will miss you in that kitchen stirring the pot of chili. Mom will miss that big handsome man who always stopped to greet her at communion. Love and prayers to your family and friends.  
Anna Eaton and Kathryn Kirchner

Anna Eaton - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I served with Harold for a time in the Army National Guard. Although I did not get to know him real well, I always admired him. When my Dad, Wallace Newton, was a volunteer firefighter, he and my cousin, Rick Teeters, really admired Harold in his work in that field. I did not know that Harold was involved in so many worthy things, but it does not surprise me at all. He could easily do what many of us would have a hard time doing all of at all. He will be missed by all. He was a great man and a great American.

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**Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Harold Ramirez. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*John and Dianne Marquez*

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**John and Dianne Marquez** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Harold. He was such a wonderful man. He never knew a stranger and always made you feel like a member of the Ramirez Family. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones. The Ramirez family is such a strong family. I pray they will be able to edure loosing another member of their family. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Keep your faith.

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**Gayle Waugh** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Harold was a long time friend of the Delgado family. I remember growing up with him fondly. He was a great asset to the community his friends and family. He was loved by all, Ramona and I will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. May god bless them all.

Our deepest sympathy,

Tony,Ramona Delgado  
& Family

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**Tony & Ramona Delgado** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ DEAR FAMILY - I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS OF HAROLD; HE WAS A GOOD MAN WHO DID GOOD THINGS FOR ALL. I WORKED WITH HIM WITH THE GUADALUPE SOCIETY IN TORRINGTON @ ST. ROSE AND TRULY ADMIRERD HIS LEADERSHIP. HE WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS.

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**ELOISE HERRERA** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ DEAR FAMILY OF HAROLD RAMIREZ - OUR HEARFELT SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER, BROTHER, AND IN-LAW; HAROLD WILL BE REMEMBERED FONDLY FOR YEARS TO COME FOR THE PERSON HE WAS AND THE GOOD DEEDS OF WHICH HE WAS A PART. HE WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS.

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**BENNIE&DIANN OTERO** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sympathy to all the family. Harold was on the interview committee when I was hired to be the Executive Director of the Senior Friendship Center. Harold served on the board during the time that I have been director. Harold championed those who needed help or those who seemed to be forgotten. He wanted everyone to be treated equally. I could always count on Harold to give his viewpoint on issues that came before the board. Harold's commitment to helping the community is commendable and should be used as an example for others to follow. He leaves a legacy to this area. Harold will be missed.

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**Jeri Bottenfield** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ramirez Family,

*You have my deepest sympathy in this time of your loss. The world has lost a very special person in Harold. He was one of the most generous people and had the biggest heart of anyone I know. He will be greatly missed by all that he has touched over the years. It is especially painful to be away from home and not be able to attend the service. From all of your friends in Kuwait, are thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Travis Hattan*

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**Travis Hattan** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Harold was a remarkable man and he will greatly be missed. Just know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**BRAD & DEB PRICKETT** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM