



Harold Rutz

September 22, 1924 - May 24, 2017

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for HAROLD R. RUTZ, 92, will be held at 10am Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the First Congregational Church with Reverend Matt Gordon officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Harold died May 24, 2017 at Life Care Center in Greeley, Colorado. Memorials may be given to the First Congregational Church. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 4pm to 6pm and the casket will be open prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Harold was born September 22, 1924 in Windsor, Colorado the son of John and Elizabeth (Wiedeman) Rutz. He spent most of his younger years on farms in the Windsor area prior to moving with his family to Wheatland, Wyoming in 1937. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946, receiving his training at Ft. Hood, Texas. He served with the 94th Infantry Division in the European Theater. Following his discharge he returned to Wheatland and on August 18, 1946 married Lydia Weber. He worked as a mechanic for five years for the Ford Motor Company in Wheatland. He started farming in 1951 in the Wheatland area before moving his family to Torrington, Wyoming where he continued to farm until retiring in 1986. Lydia passed away in 2004.

Harold was a very hard-working man who was well-loved by all who knew

him. He served as a board member for the North Platte Soil Conservation District for thirteen years, was a member of the First Congregational Church where he served on various committees and was also a life member of the VFW.

Harold is survived by daughters Diana Rutz of Gillette, Wyoming and Donna Rutz of Carson City, Nevada; a son Dennis (Dana) Rutz of Greeley, Colorado; five grandchildren Shawn Watson, Karl Pickett, Elly Henning, Danielle Rutz and Darren Rutz; three great grandsons. He is also survived by one brother LeRoy (Helen) Rutz of Wheatland, Wyoming; one sister Beverly Hitt of Bryan, Texas; aunts Emmelene Rutz and Irene Rutz of Greeley; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Lydia.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Congregational Church
2102 East E
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5595

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the family of Harold: My deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. I so remember that smile. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Robin Walter

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