



## Henry Korell

May 26, 1920 - April 11, 2015

Henry Korell

TORRINGTON, WY -- Henry Korell, 94, passed away Saturday, April 11, 2015, surrounded by his family, at the Community Hospital in Torrington, Wyoming.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30pm Thursday, April 16, 2015 at the First Congregational Church in Torrington with Pastor Matt Gordon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. at the funeral home and 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](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Henry was born in Cody, Wyoming May 26, 1920, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Ernst) Korell. He was the youngest of nine children. His family moved to Goshen County in 1923. As a youth, some of his fondest memories happened while living on the Burns Ranch west of Lingle. He attended schools in Lingle and Torrington.

On November 23, 1940, Henry was united in marriage to Rachael Heckman.

Four sons and two daughters blessed this union.

In 1942, Henry enlisted in the Navy. He served two tours of duty as a signalman in the South Pacific. His first tour was on the LST 462. On his

second tour he was promoted to signalman 1st Class. He served as a personal signalman for Commander V.A. King on the LST 802, flagship for Squadron 67. His tours of duty started in Australia and ended in Yokohama Japan. He saw some of the heaviest of action in New Guinea, Biak and Okinawa. Henry was proud to have served his country during WWII.

In 1947, Henry and Rachael started what became a very successful farming and cattle operation. Henry was an excellent farmer, and was in the Top Ten beet growers several times. They raised and raced quarter horses which brought considerable enjoyment to the family. They enjoyed family outings, which included fishing and sightseeing trips throughout Wyoming. Henry and Rachael always made church first, ensuring a Christian and family life style. In 1972, the family chain was broken when their son Bob was killed in a tragic farming accident.

After retirement in 1983, Henry and Rachael moved to their home north of Lingle. Henry enjoyed drawing, painting and wood carving while Rachael gardened and tended her flowers.

Henry's list of civic accomplishments includes being a 4H leader where he co-founded the Rough Riders 4H club. He served on the Selective Service Board and served over 16 years as a County Commissioner. He was instrumental in the construction of the new Court House, Pavillion and Rendezvous Center. Henry was a Charter member and chairman at the Lingle State Bank. He was directly involved in the building of the First Congregational Church. He was also a very active member and held numerous board positions.

Henry is survived by sons Wayne (Beth) Korell of Torrington, Alan (Terry) Korell of Lingle, Gary (Tammy) Korell of Torrington; daughters Kathy (Bob) Rose of Scottsbluff, NE, Kayleen (Dan) Wunder of Ft. Laramie; daughter-in-law Patricia (Hayden) Korell of Chula Vista, CA; sister Rose Wells of Torrington, and his very special friend Deb Ehler of Torrington. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents; wife Rachael; son Robert Henry;

sisters Mary Greenwald, Katherine Knoll and Pauline Frank; brothers Henry, John, Jake, and Eddy.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **15**. 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

APR **16**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

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

# Tribute Wall

GN

“ I met Henry at the Goshen County Fair when my dad introduced me to him. I remember my dad, W. Wallace Newton, feeding cattle with the Korells' southwest of Lingle. I also knew several members of his extended family and went to school with some of them. We send our sympathy to all Henry's friends and family members. Henry had a real gentleman's way about himself. He will be missed by all who knew him.

*Garold W. Newton And Theresa L. Newton; Gering, Nebraska 69341.*

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**Garold W. Newton And Theresa L. Newton** - April 22, 2015 at 02:16 AM

CC

“ We were so sorry to see that Henry had passed away. Our deepest condolences to Wayne, Alan, and all their family. God Bless you all in this difficult time and always.

*Love, Rod & Carolyn Clark*

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**Carolyn Clark** - April 20, 2015 at 04:44 PM

JB

“ Steve and I send our deepest sympathy in the loss of Henry. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all through this difficult time.

*Janice and Steve Brown*

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**Janice Brown** - April 16, 2015 at 12:30 PM

JB

“ *Janice Brown lit a candle in memory of Henry Korell*



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**Janice Brown** - April 16, 2015 at 12:19 PM

TH

“ *What a sad, sad shock to see Henry's obit this morning.....Henry always (always) had a kind word for me, especially after we all went through Bob's accident. And I remember well some training Henry had for the Telegram v. the Lingle Guide Review and what constituted 'general circulation' of the County Commissioner news. I can never miss Henry as much as all the family will, but what a classy rancher/farmer/horseman and neighbor to my high school ag teacher Henry was to everybody.*  
*Sincerely Tom Houk*

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**Tom Houk** - April 15, 2015 at 02:40 PM

KB

“ *I am sorry to hear of Henry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*  
*Kelea Patton Burns*

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**Kelea Patton Burns** - April 14, 2015 at 03:55 PM

MP

“ Uncle Henry was my mother's "baby" brother. In the 1940s, after his stint in the Navy, his young, growing family lived nearby us at our farm at Table Mountain on the Wyoming/Nebraska state line. The oldest son, Bobby, and I were about 5 or 6 years old. The Fourth of July picnics at Lake Guernsey or the Sixty-Six Mountains with caravans of dusty family cars or Thanksgiving with so many of us we ate the goose and turkey in shifts at the table and those happy holidays are etched in my mind. Uncle Henry had his own special role in the general happy chaos; he fielded a lot of good-natured ribbing from everyone (which I'm sure he invited) but he had that unique chuckle and little smile when, with grace and dignity, he skillfully flung back as good as he got.

*Wonderful memories; wonderful man.*

*Marge Greenwald Peterson*

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**marge peterson** - April 14, 2015 at 03:16 PM

KW

“ Henry (Hank) Korell had a profound influence on my life. He was a friend to me in a good many ways, both personally and professionally. In my time at the Lingle State Bank I found it wise to listen to his sage advice and heed his ethical manner as he approached business. He was a founder of the bank, was an asset to the institution, and as a result, was invaluable to me. His legacy to Goshen County is obvious in the capital improvements that he was involved with in seeing them come to pass. Due to a conflict, I will miss his memorial service, but I want to reach out to his entire family that I consider friends with my deepest sympathies.



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**Keith Whitney** - April 14, 2015 at 11:56 AM