



Howard Haas

July 28, 1926 - October 26, 2010

TORRINGTON, WY Funeral services for HOWARD ADOLPH HAAS, 84, will be held at 2pm on Friday, October 29, 2010 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverend Curtis Hill officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Howard passed away on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the Goshen Care Center in Torrington. Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home on Thursday, October 28 from 3pm to 7pm and the casket will be open at the church service. Memorials have been established at Eastern Wyoming College for either the Vet Tech Program or the Welding & Machine Tooling Program. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Howard was born on July 28, 1926, in Torrington, Wyoming the son of George Fredrick and Edith Emma (Arnold) Haas. He was raised on the family homestead located near Veteran, Wyoming and he attended school at Veteran; graduating Veteran High School in 1944. In September of that year, Howard was drafted into the Army. He served his country with the US Army during WWII from 1944 until October 1945 where he was mainly with the occupational forces in Japan. While on a leave from duty, Howard married Mary Joyce Hacker on June 20, 1945 at the Presbyterian Church in Torrington. Following his discharge from service in Japan, Howard and Joyce lived at Veteran, Wyoming where they worked on the farm and ranch with Howard's father and two older brothers. In 1961, a corporation was formed and it was known as

"Haas Farms, Inc.", and in 1968 Howard was the successor to his father as President. Howard and Joyce continued to farm and ranch for many years before moving to Torrington in 1986, but Howard continued to work out at the farm until his retirement in 1995. Howard was active in the Veteran community with the Volunteer Fire Department, the Boy Scouts, 4-H, and he was a 65 year member of the American Legion, Marlyn B. Anderson Post #56. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church and was an Elder and Clerk of Session for several years. Howard served on the Goshen Irrigation District Board for 30 years and received the Headgate Award for Wyoming from the Four States Irrigation Council in 1989. He was on the Wyrulec Company Board from 1973 to 1987 and served as President for one term and held other offices as well. Howard was a Farm Bureau member and served as President of the Board for several years. He was also a member of the Wyoming Angus Association, as well as the Wyoming Stockgrowers, and he was listed in the 1970-1971 edition of "Who's Who in the West". Howard was a true man of the soil. He enjoyed farming; always looked forward to another spring when he could jump on the tractor and start plowing. A perfectionist - the beet and corn rows had to be straight and even. Howard enjoyed irrigating the crops and watching them respond to the water. Howard truly loved and enjoyed his six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. It was not unusual for him to hand them some money whenever they came to visit; saying, "maybe this will buy some gas for your car." Howard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joyce of Torrington; his two sons, Dr. Galen Haas and his wife Maryann of Lewiston, Idaho; and Glen Haas and his wife Janet of Torrington; a daughter, Dorothy Nash and her husband Audie of Torrington; grandchildren, Dr. Cody Haas and Desiree Haas both of Lewiston, Idaho; Scott Haas and his fiancé, Dr. Lacey Erickson, of Hooper, Utah; Erin Helzer and her husband Michael of Casper, Wyoming; Michelle Nash and her companion, Sean Ellsbury of Glenrock, Wyoming; and Joel Nash and his companion, Meisha Wengler of Torrington; his great grandchildren, Logan and Jordon Hague of Glenrock; triplets, Brooke, Bridget, and Breann Helzer of Casper, Wyoming; two sisters,

Mary Ellen Fullmer and Vivian Hill both of Torrington; two sisters-in-law, Hazel Haas of Torrington; and Barbara Smith of Lander, Wyoming; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Bernard, Hubert, and Leslie; and two sisters, Helen Booth and Emmajean Terrell.

Tribute Wall

MC

“Joyce, I am sorry for your loss. In the time I spent with Howard when he was in the hospital, I got to know him just a bit. He made me laugh, and I could tell he was particular about things. I pray you and your family mourn him well.

Michelle Chase - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“Joyce and family. I am sorry to hear of the passing of Howard. I have many memories of him and your family while growing up. Hugs and Prayers

Kerri Henan (Booth) - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“Grandpa was a man of few words but when he spoke everyone listened. He dedicated most of his life to the land. As I grew-up on the farm I would see him working countless hours in the shop, on a tractor or with the cattle. Even after he retired and moved to Torrington he came out everyday. I remember asking him one day why he still came out and worked, he replied he didn't know what else to do but work. Remembering my Grandpa is keeping the memory alive of all the work he did for his country, his community and his family.

Erin Helzer - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Joyce and Family;*

We are sorry on the loss of Howard. I looked up to him as I was going through school and he was a man that I always admired. You have our sympathy.

Marv / Marilyn Heckman

Marv Heckman - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *Over the years Howard and Joyce together have been two of my favorite people. I have considered them friends and must say that they together were my two favorite customers when I was in banking. Howard was a class act in every way. He was a quiet man who listened carefully and did not speak ill of anyone to my knowledge. He was intelligent, competent and a leader. I can think of no one who would or could be a better role model in life and also in adversity. He will be greatly missed even though leaving a great legacy. We send our sincere sympathies to Joyce and her entire family.*

Keith Whitney - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *i love my grandpa so much..im gonna miss him so much..he was the worlds best grandpa u could ever ask for..my boys loved him and loved to b around him..it made his day when he got to see them..he would get so excited.grandpa would do anything for us.no matter what we needed or didnt need...he was there...i love u so much grandpa,im gonna miss talking w u and seeing u..iv always said i have only one special man in my life....and that is u...xoxoxo*

michelle nash - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM