



## Hugh Golden

July 1, 1931 - March 22, 2009

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for HUGH BURDETTE GOLDEN, 77, will be held at 10am Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Tom Kittleman officiating. Cremation has taken place and burial will follow the service in the Valley View Cemetery. Hugh died at the Cheyenne Medical Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming on March 22, 2009. Memorials may be made to either the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association. 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). Hugh was born July 1, 1931 in Crawford, Nebraska the son of Hugh and Jessie (Church) Golden. He grew up in various places in Wyoming, Utah, and California. After school he operated an ARCO service station in Apple Valley, California from 1962 until 1978. He married Betty Lou Erlewine on August 27, 1950 in Torrington, Wyoming. In 1979 they moved to Harrison, Nebraska and they to Yoder, Wyoming where he was a ditch rider for the Goshen Irrigation District for ten years. He worked at the Pamida store in Torrington for four years before he retired. Hugh loved music and could play most any instrument, mainly guitar. He played in two bands, "The Country Ramblers" and "Golden Oldies". They played at nursing homes veteran's homes and at Jamborees. He was a member of the South Goshen Presbyterian Church. Hugh is survived by his wife Betty of Torrington; three sisters, Stella Pugsley of Torrington, Arlene Pugsley of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Leota Odle of St. George, Utah; four grandchildren; and six great

grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Hugh Byron Golden; a daughter Barbara Coull; one granddaughter Karry Pollock; and two brothers Chester Golden and William Powell.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Hugh and Betty will always have a special place in my heart they are such great people. Whenever I would see them they would always take time out to visit with me and always put a smile on my face! Hugh will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Betty and her family.*”

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**Leisha Orr** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Betty and the Golden Family:*

*It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our beloved*

*"Uncle Burdette". It is times like this that we think back of all the good times gone by.*

*From the times as kids when we would go to either Uncle Burdette and Aunt Betty's or Uncle Bill and Zelma's house. We would play with our cousins while the grownups played cards or played guitars, mandolins & harmonicas.*

*Later, as a teenager, I remember the many hours that I would spend down at my Uncle's Richfield Station in Apple Valley working on my car. Uncle Burdette would always take the time from his busy day to answer my questions and help me fix whatever problems I had with the car. I learned a great deal from him, not only about cars but also about the dedication it took to run your own business. This generosity and kindness will never be forgotten.*

*Even though we didn't get to see much of him after you all left Apple Valley, I always enjoyed the times we did get to spend with you guys, telling stories, fixing the world problems or whatever else came up.*

*Burdette will be greatly missed by all that knew him.*

*God Bless,*

*Keith & Karen Golden*

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**Keith & Karen Golden** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ The memories I have of my Uncle Burdette is playing music with my Dad with all the family together. My Grandfather (my Dad and Uncle Burdette's father) would get together on a Saturday night and play the same old songs we heard a thousand times. But, we truly enjoyed all the music and laughter and camaraderie as a family. My Uncle Burdette gave me my very first job at his Richfield station in Apple Valley, Ca. I was a kid of 16 years and didn't know too much. I remember Burdette being very patient and caring with me as I fumbled through my duties. He was a very respected man in Apple Valley and ran a very successful business there. He was known as "Hugh Golden" which was strange to all of us who knew him as Burdette. One of his very special customers was Roy Rogers who lived in Apple Valley at the time. I remember it was a sad day for all of us in Apple Valley when Burdette and Betty moved back to Wyoming. But, I know that he and Betty were very happy to be there.

Our deepest sympathies are with Betty. We all have the fondest and most wonderful memories of Burdette.

May God Bless.

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**Ron Golden and Family** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Hugh and Betty have been special in my heart since my oldest daughter flirted with them in church about 19 years ago! Betty, I am sorry for your loss. You will both be special to me for my whole life. I don't really know what it was, but there was a connection and I will always cherish it!! God bless and take care! Your friend for life,  
Kendal

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**Kendal Richards** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Huge was full of energy and personality! Fun to be around and always someone that we looked forward to visiting with when he was our ditch rider. Gob Bless Betty and his family.  
Cal and Celeste*

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**Cal and Celeste Dahl** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *He will always be remembered  
as we share the fun stories and the wonderful memories of how he lived his life. The good times of laughter and love with Uncle Burdette will forever be a part of me and my family and we will never forget how very much he meant to us all.*

*And, throughout this difficult time,  
may you also know the deep sympathy  
and concern that is felt for you and all your family.*

*The gift of God is eternal life  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Romans 6:23*

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**Fred & DeAnn Hudgens** - March 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM