



## Iona Mae Robinett

June 14, 1933 - October 28, 2019

Funeral services for IONA MAE ROBINETT, 86, will be held at 2pm Friday, November 1, 2019 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Todd Williams officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Memorials may be given to either the Torrington Fire Department or the Torrington Ambulance Service. Visitation will be Thursday from 3pm to 5pm and the casket will be closed at the service. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Iona Mae (Gheen) Robinett went to rest in the eternal arms of Jesus on October 28, 2019. Iona's life journey began June 14, 1933. Born to Thomas and Bessie (Marick) Gheen, she was the youngest of three children including her brothers Loris and Dale Gheen. The family lived north of Fort Laramie in the Kaspiere Community. Iona's childhood companion was her dog "Mickey" who was a gift from her grandfather Marick when she was five.

Iona attended Red Cloud and Scott Center schools for her first nine years. To attend high school in Torrington she earned her room and board by cleaning and babysitting for several families while going to school. She graduated in May of 1951 and a month later married Max Robinett, her husband of sixty-eight years, on June 20, 1951. She and Max (whom she fondly called "Mike") together lived and worked on the farm/ranch operation in the Moore Springs community west of Jay Em, Wyoming. She ran the household consisting of

four children, Gary, Linda, Susan and Sally, as well as milked and fed cows, baled hay, drove tractors and harvest trucks and any other farm job that needed to be done. She taught her children to work hard, laugh often, be responsible and appreciate the simple things in life. After a day of working on the farm, Iona would enjoy a beautiful sunset and sit on the front step playing her harmonica. Her favorite season was springtime, she loved Jim Reeves, Slim Whitman and Don Helms music. In 2003 Max and Iona retired and moved to Torrington.

Iona once said her greatest accomplishment was "marrying "Mike" and having four great kids and was grateful for all of the extended family. She was a very private person, preferring her family and special close friends rather than social events. She did enjoy being a member of both the Kaspierre and Jay Em Women's Clubs through the years. She served as secretary for the Jay Em Club for several years and always enjoyed participating in making the Club Booth for the county fair every year.

Iona was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers; and her father-in-law Willard Robinett, who was so very special to her. She is survived by her husband Max; son Gary; daughters Linda (Ken) Keener, Susan (Mike) Neilly and Sally (Joe) Cole; niece Judy (Ernie) Buhr; nephews Jim (Marilyn) and Ed (Lisa) Gheen; son-in-law Doug Herdt; nine grandchildren ; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (MT)

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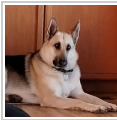
# Tribute Wall

KR

“ So sorry to hear of Iona's passing. thinking of all of you at this time.

*Kerri (Peterson) Rose*

**Kerri Rose** - November 12, 2019 at 06:20 PM



*Thank you Kerri*

**Susan Neilly** - December 12, 2019 at 07:55 AM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Iona Mae Robinett



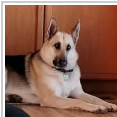
**Carol Peterson** - November 05, 2019 at 06:14 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



**Sarah Stoll** - November 01, 2019 at 11:21 PM



*Thank you.*

**Susan Neilly** - December 12, 2019 at 07:56 AM

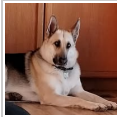
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“ *Deepest sympathy from our family to yours.*



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**Sandy Thompson** - November 01, 2019 at 11:04 AM



*Thank you Sandy.*

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**Susan Neilly** - December 12, 2019 at 07:56 AM

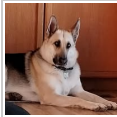
KW

“ *It is with sorrow and sympathy that I send condolences to Max and family.*

*She was a lady whom in ways was the backbone of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Keith Whitney** - October 31, 2019 at 09:24 AM



*Than you Keith.*

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**Susan Neilly** - December 12, 2019 at 07:57 AM

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“ *Max, Sally and The Robinett Family,  
So sorry to hear about Iona's passing. Lots of memories our families  
have shared through the years. My thoughts and prayers are with  
you.*

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**Sally Miller (Schissler)** - October 30, 2019 at 11:08 PM

SC

*Thank you Sally, you know the pain and sorrow. But what a blessing it is knowing she is walking with the Lord*

Sally Cole - October 31, 2019 at 12:51 PM

DH

“ *Dolly Brown Heyl lit a candle in memory of Iona Mae Robinett*



Dolly Brown Heyl - October 30, 2019 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ *DeeAnn Hankins lit a candle in memory of Iona Mae Robinett*



DeeAnn Hankins - October 30, 2019 at 11:44 AM

DH

“ *So sorry to hear about your mom's passing. I know what a special person she was and how much she will be missed. Holding you all close at this time.*

DeeAnn Hankins - October 30, 2019 at 11:43 AM