



James "Jim" Horton

November 17, 1932 - September 3, 2023

James Wayne Horton, 90, passed away on September 3, 2023, in Torrington, Wyoming. He was born November 17, 1932, in Great Falls, Montana, the second child of Carl and Mabel Horton.

Jim was raised primarily in Sheridan, Wyoming, and graduated from Sheridan High School in 1951. Delivering newspapers at a young age sparked a lifelong journey for Jim in the world of printing. Jim served in the USMC during the Korean Conflict before marrying Betty Jean Gamble on November 26, 1955. They lived in Boulder, Colorado, while he attended CU Boulder. But the allure of the printing world eventually drew them to Charles City, Iowa, where Jim trained at the Midland Linotype School. Thus began his journey as a linotype operator at the Buffalo Bulletin, Buffalo, Wyoming; the Sheridan Press, Sheridan, Wyoming; and the Littleton Independent, Littleton, Colorado.

In 1972, Jim and Jean made their final move to Torrington, Wyoming, to open a photo offset job printing shop. They passionately served the Goshen County area for 46 years and Jim continued to have his hands in the printing ink until the age of 86. Jim was very active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for many years in both Colorado and Wyoming. He was a faith-filled member in various churches and happily served in many leadership roles with the local American Legion Post.

Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, mowing on a riding lawn mower, helping his children with 4-H and FFA livestock projects, spending time with Jean traveling in their camper trailer, and relaxing at their Black Hills cabin with

family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Jean Horton; a son, John Horton (Nancy) of Easton, Kansas; two daughters, Barb Placzek of Corvallis, Montana, Pam Phipps (Jim) of Harrison, Nebraska; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; both siblings; daughter Sue Schamel (Russ); daughter-in-law Joy Horton; son-in-law Steve Placzek; and grandson Jacob Horton.

A private family graveside service will be held at Valley View Cemetery in Torrington with Pastor Gary Flom officiating. The family suggests that memorials be made to The American Legion Post #5 in Torrington, Wyoming, to support the yearly display of the Avenue of Flags at the Valley View Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

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“ Jim was a wonderful man. Throughout the years of our friendship we will think of him with a smile in our hearts. Especially the “Gleaners Union” years. Plus enjoying our connection with his military background. We send our sincere condolences to all his family.
Howard and Karin Eisenhauer



Karin Eisenhauer - September 14, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Horton.



September 13, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" Horton.

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“ Sharon Hackett lit a candle in memory of James Horton



Sharon L Hackett - September 06, 2023 at 08:25 AM