



## James Wiseman

December 8, 1920 - December 19, 2009

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for JAMES VANE WISEMAN 89, will be held at 10am Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Reverends Steven Seng and Curtis Hill officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Jim died December 19, 2009 at Community Hospital. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Jim Wiseman Scholarship Fund. Visitation will be Tuesday from 3pm to 7pm and prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Jim was born December 8, 1920 in La Vernia, Texas the son of James V. and Leila Ann (Slator) Wiseman Sr. Jim served in the Army Air Corp from 1940 to 1945 and was stationed in North Africa mainly as a B-17 pilot. Jim taught and coached in the Lingle, Wyoming and Torrington, Wyoming school districts for forty-three years. Jim is survived by his wife Beverly (Schliske) Wiseman of Torrington; daughters, Susan Quadracci and her husband Tom of Brookfield, Wisconsin and Sherrie Schrimpf and her husband Bob of Hartland, Wisconsin; sons, Coleman B. Wiseman of Lake Tahoe, California and James V. Wiseman and his wife Debbie of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; step-children, Greg and Jerilee Schliske of Gillette, Wyoming, Becky and Steve Autrey of Chandler, Arizona, and Tracy Schliske of Wheatland, Wyoming; ten grandchildren; and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by his first wife Bertha Margaret Wiseman; his parents; four sisters; two brothers; and one great

granddaughter.

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am in Atlanta for the Christmas Season and have just learned of Mr. Wiseman's passing. He was such a respected man within not only the educational community but was well thought of in the community at large. I send my deepest thoughts of sympathy to the entire family and reach out to you all.

Sincerely,  
Jo

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**JoDene (McKie) Stafford** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LQ

“ We hear heaven throws the best Christmas parties and James Vane Wiseman will be a guest of honor this year.

Sending our sympathies, our prayers and our love.

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**Len, Laurie, Lane, Larissa, Lexy Quadracci** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Coach Wiseman will be so greatly missed. He was such a gentle, yet unwavering soul. My siblings and I all had Mr. Wiseman as an instructor, coach, or both while attending THS in the seventies. The life lessons he was able to teach us, while not letting us know he was teaching us, were profound. He was so unassuming, I am sure he had no idea what an impact he had on those of us lucky enough to call him Coach. Thanks for everything, Coach. You will live forever in the hearts and memories of those of us you so graciously touched.

Fondly,  
Andrea Sittner Griffin

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**Andrea Sittner Griffin** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ I want to extend my deepest sympathies to his entire family at this time of the passing of a man who has influenced so many youth in a very positive fashion over many years. He has touched the lives of so many individuals not just as a coach but as a human being manifesting great skills and understanding. I feel quite fortunate to have had an ongoing friendship with Coach Wiseman over the years and my respect for him has never wavered in the least. Like all people he had his weaknesses but character and ethics were not any of them. He witnessed his faith in a very quiet but subtle way. It was certainly his time but his passing has created a hole I am sure in a good many lives.

Respectfully,  
Keith Whitney

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**Keith Whitney** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Bev: We were saddened to learn of Jim's death. He lived life in such a way that we admired him very much. Roy played football and basketball for him in Lingle and he was in my high years in Torrington. We were happy that he found you and you shared such wonderful years together. God bless you and you know HE walks with you in this time of sorrow.

Roy and Jo (Pinkie) Butler

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**Jo Butler** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ To the Wiseman family,  
So genuinely sorry for your loss. Your father will always be somewhere on my "most admired" list. From picking up all the neighborhood kids in that old beat up Plymouth at 5:00 in the morning for freshman basketball practice to 35 years later with him walking across the golf course fairway to say hello and ask how I have been. I am sure that anyone who attended THS for a period of many years somehow was touched by this wonderful man. Always words of encouragement, never showed anger, never voiced dissatisfaction. He taught us to respect each other, our opponents, and gave us a great work ethic through his example. I was never a great athlete in high school, but he treated everyone like they were All Staters. To this day I remember that I had "liberated" a Trailblazer warm-up jacket when I was a senior. I was standing in line at the Wyo Theatre waiting to get my ticket. I heard a voice in back of me say, "Mr. Cassel that is a really fine coat you are wearing tonight. When you are done with it this weekend do you think you could bring it back to my office on Monday." I sweated bullets that weekend. When I went in to his office on Monday he just thanked me for bringing it, and ask me how things were going. No lecture, never mad.  
I am sure some version of my recollection will be repeated to you hundreds of time, but I just wanted to let you know what a fine man I thought your father was.  
Sincerely,  
Kyle Cassel

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**Kyle Cassel** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ My deepest condolences, Wiseman Family! Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you as you endure this very difficult time. We all will miss you, Coach Wiseman!!!

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**Larry Patterson** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Coach Wiseman,

*There are a great number of individuals in this world along with me who owe you an immeasurable amount of thanks for the guidance you gave us during our high school years. Without the foundation you help inculcate in us, many would have faltered or even failed in our journey through life and become just unsuccessful, unfulfilled human shells.*

*You along with Coach Al Butterfield and Chuck Rogers taught us the value of team work and development of our individual talents to be the best we could be in all things God has provided for us on this earth. You taught us also to share our talents with those less gifted and if they surpassed us to be happy in their achievements.*

*I'll never forget when I fumbled the ball with no one even close and it bounced right into the hands of a Lusk player. When I came to the sidelines you asked "Peblo who are you playing for anyhow?" I answered, "Larry Ruff?". And you laughed and said, "Looks like you're playing for Lusk to me." We went on to win and you never mentioned that fumble again and I guess that is why I've had few fumbles in my life.*

*What I learned from you is that life is a matter of choices, and what we learn in our formative years becomes the engine that drives the rest of our lives. What we do with those choices becomes the yardstick by which our lives are measured.*

*May God take you to his arms for the rest of eternity.*

*Paul E. Puebla Class of 1957*

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**Paul E. Puebla** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Susan and family, I just read that your Dad passed away. Please accept my sincere sympathy. It is always hard to lose a parent. It is like part of you dies with them. He was a very special man and he touched a lot of students in the 43 years he taught and coached. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Carol

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**Carol Downing Hort** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ very sorry for you loss, I grew up in Torrington, and was a Blazer volleyball player in middle school. Hope Wiseman field will exist for ever.

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**amy morris** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Susan and family:

*Jim was my coach in highschool track. He was a gentle soul and kind man.*

*It was a joy to know him.*

*Kieth*

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**Kieth R. Moritz** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My sincere wishes are for comfort, peace and fond memories of a very special person in all of your lives. May God comfort you during this sifficult time and may your faith give you strength in knowing you will meet again in heaven.

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**Linda Sklander** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *A wonderful man. Made a great difference in many a life!*

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**JAMES GINGLES** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Jim,  
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Sincerely, Lori*

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**Lori Cannistra** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *My deepest condolences to Bev and her family. I am sorry to hear about Jim. I did not know him that well but he seems like a great guy to all kids at Lingle and Torrington High Schools. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.*

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**Henry Schamel** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Jim and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this very difficult time.*

*Warmly,  
Tami Bartunek*

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**Tami Bartunek** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our family is so saddened by the death of such a truly nice gentleman. He made such a difference in our sons lives (Shawn and Michael Franklin).

*The world is now missing a very nice man. So sorry to his family.  
Camille And Carl Franklin*

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**Camille Franklin** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am very sorry that I was not able to attend Coach Wiseman's service today...as much for myself as for anybody else. Coach Wiseman had a big impact on my life and the direction that it has taken. Not only did he teach me everything that I know/knew about football, but now that I am old enough to understand he also taught me many lessons about life. Each time that he pulled me off of the football field by my facemask or the basketball court by my ear he was teaching me a life lesson, and there were quite a few life lessons taught. The reason that I was able to attend college was strictly due to the actions of Coach Wiseman. He was so well respected that I was given a college scholarship to play football based totally on Coach Wiseman's telephone conversation with my first college coach. I was not blessed with much in the way of physical talent, but I was blessed with the opportunity to play high school football for Coach Wiseman, and consequently, I was a smarter football player than the majority of the guys that I played with and against. Coach Wiseman taught his players from the ground up and everything that he taught began with fundamentals, and that is why I was able to work my way through college by playing football. For this I will always be grateful, and Coach Wiseman will always have a place in my life. Thank you Coach. We will see you at the next game.

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**Kurt Sittner** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I consider it a genuine privilege to have known Jim Wiseman. He was a man of true character and an individual held in high regard by all.

*My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with Jim's family.*

*Paul Johnston*

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**Paul Johnston** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Floyd and I both have many memories of "coach" Wiseman. C.B., Susan, Sherry, and Jimmy both of your parents were special people and left lots of us with great memories. My favorite memory of Mr. Wiseman was when he asked me to proof his Masters Thesis before he gave it to Miss Clemens to be proofed, so he wouldn't have mistakes. I enjoyed many happy times at your home. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Floyd and Kathy Schaneman  
Laramie, WY*

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**Floyd & Kathy Schaneman** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ He was such a good man

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**kenny stimson** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Sheri - sending our sincere condolences on the loss of your dad - seems like yesterday he was walking through the house in his "heart" boxer shorts!!! So loved him and your mom. We are also so sorry we could not be there this morning.

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**Gordon and Lynn Schukei** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am very sorry to hear about Coach wiseman he was a great and nice guy. i will keep you and your family in my prayers.

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**Sharon Schamel** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Coach Wiseman embodied what all high school coaches should strive for. Honesty, integrity, and patience were his tools and he used them to develop young athletes into responsible and respectable people. He exhibited a love for athletes and non-athletes alike. His belief that kids were inherently good, rather than the often, "guilty until proven innocent" attitude, gave students, myself included, the encouragement to become better. Coach Wiseman set a standard for educators and coaches that I see few ever able to equal. Coach Wiseman thanks for what you did for me and the influence you had on me.

*Joe Hatley*

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**Joe Hatley** - December 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM