Joel Teeters

October 26, 1923 - September 3, 2009

LINGLE, WY . . . . . Funeral services for JOEL E. TEETERS, 85, will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the North Hills Baptist Church in Lingle with Pastor Tim Sparks of East Gate Baptist officiating. Burial, with Military Honors, will follow in the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Joel died on September 3, 2009 at the Torrington Community Hospital after struggling with numerous ailments for the last several years. His wife, Betty, son, Rick, grandson, Mathew, nephew, Enoch, and extended family members and close friends were with him during his passing. Visitation hours will be held on Sunday from 3pm to 7pm at the Colyer Funeral Home and the casket will be open at the church service. Memorials may be directed to either East Gate Baptist Church or to Rim Rock Bible Ranch. Colyer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at w ww.colyerfuneralhome.com Joel was born on October 26, 1923 on a homestead at Indian Hill, just north of Cheyenne, Wyoming the son of Merl and Amelda (Woolam) Teeters. He graduated from Yoder High school and married Norma Marlatt on December 16, 1944. Joel then enlisted in the US Army and was in the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII. He was in the European Theatre, the Battle of the Bulge, and he helped liberate a Natzi death camp, and eventually occupied Berlin. In 1946, Joel returned home to his wife, Norma. He worked for the Railroad for a short time and ultimately returned home to the family ranch. Joel was a very old school rancher and successful business man. He managed the ranch until his death. He took

pride in mentoring and helping several young men get started in the ranching business. Joel’s relationship with God and his dedication to serving Him was the rock of his life. Joel was active in founding Bethel Baptist and North Hills Baptist Churches. He served as a Deacon and in numerous leadership positions in the churches he attended. He also donated land for the Rim Rock Bible Ranch. Joel was a family man, who was especially proud of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He invested time in them and provided a college education for all his children and grandchildren. Joel always wanted to live in such a way that his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren would be proud that he was their father and grandfather. After being widowed, Joel eventually married Betty Sherrill in the summer of 2005. Betty and Joel have loved and enjoyed life together in these last years of Joel’s life. (Thank God for Betts!) The essence of Joel’s life could be defined by his love of God, his family, his Country, and his ranch. He truly was a member of the "Greatest Generation". He is survived by his wife, Betty; his son, Rick Teeters and his wife Linda of Lingle, Wyoming; three sisters, Dorothy Newton, Berthenia Standifer, and Lauree Johnston; six grandchildren, Matt Teeters, Danielle Teeters, Sara Teeters, Heather Foster, Samuel Teeters, and Heidi Teeters; six great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, his first wife, Norma and three of their sons, Terry, Larry, and Randy Teeters.

Tribute Wall

CB

My heart is broken. Three generations of my family has been involved with the Teeters. My grandfather spoke so highly of the family. Joel and I hit it off when we first met. I've made many trips to Wyoming just to spend time laughing and swapping lies. I'm a storyteller from Nebraska and asked Joel if I could interview him and document his life story. It's been my great honor to watch his eyes and hear his voice as he recounted the joys and hardships of his life as a child, husband, father and rancher. The stories were gathered while we roamed his land and talked of trying to keep up 100 miles of fence or sitting in his office where he ruled the ranch while being surrounded by the biggest stuffed rattlesnake you'll ever see. I've been telling his tales to thousands in audiences across the Midwest. I asked Joel to give me something that would symbolize him that I could wear when I told his stories. He gave me a hard looking sweat and grease stained cowboy hat that had seen many miles. Today I sat it on my lap and cried as that hat says a lot about who Joel was. A hard working, tough yet sensitive, good,honest and trustworthy man. My life is much fuller because of Joel. He was not only a decorated war hero but a hero of mine. When he first became ill he called to say he thought I ought to know. I'll never forget his low voice and drawn out way of talking as he said,"Let's just say, I'm gettin on my horse and ridin er out!" I'll miss him terribly. Cherrie Beam-Clarke

Cherrie Beam-Clarke - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

Joel was a leader in so many ways and was a great influence on many people and their lives. He was a man who commanded and deserved respect and certainly had mine. Betty, we reach out to you and the entire Teeters family at this time. We know that your faith has carried you all in the past in it will not fail you at this time. Again we reach out to you as friends and give you our total support and empathize in your loss.
Yours respectfully,
Keith

Keith & Gwen Whitney - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

Being with Joel & Betty was always such a wonderful time whether we went out for a meal or visiting each other's home. We loved his stories of the past and his witness of what God has done in his life. He was so hilarious to watch as he told a funny story and his brown eyes danced as he shared it. We were blessed to of known him.

Barbara & Daniel Smith

Daniel E Smith - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

Mr. Teeters was our guardian angel. He was our friend. He helped us when we really needed help and we will be forever grateful. We will miss him. We hope that Betty and Rick and the rest of the Teeters family knows the amount of respect and love we had for him. We are thankful for the care he has shown us and feel very blessed to have known him! God bless and keep you all. Russ and Kendal

Russ and Kendal Richards - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NH

We are sorry for your loss, and we are all thinking of you.

Nurses and staff at Community Hospital - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

Sorry to hear of your loss in the family, I;m sure hes up in the BIG RANCH in Heaven.

Betty & Duane French - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RT

You have been on our thoughts. Sorry we didn't make it to the funeral. He will be missed by his family and friends. Best of days.
Love,
Ron and Vicky

Ron and Vicky Teeters - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GN

I can remember Joel being around for as long as I can remember and the admiration I always had for him. I can just remember when I had not even started school and we went to visit Joel and Norms over night, in Cheyenne. There were not supposed to be any kids in the building. Joel was wrestling around with me and I was laughing. All of a sudden there was a knock on the door. I can remember how Joel looked worried as he was afraid the landlord would make him move out. I remember I went with Joel to the door, and the landlord said, "So this is the young man!" I didn't hear what he said quietly to Joel, but my parents said he just said to hold down the noise. I wondered why we couldn't go on playing. I remember how I liked ice tea, but Joel always wanted Kool-Aid. Since he wanted it, I had to have it too. After a few years, I liked ice tea less. I can remember how Joel always had a way of saying something that would make everybody laugh. He will be missed by everybody.

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM