



Leonard Jesse Deahl

August 24, 1927 - December 12, 2015

Leonard Jesse Deahl was born August 24, 1927 to George and Olive (Dinkel) Deahl, and was always proud of his German/Pennsylvania Dutch heritage. He passed away December 12, 2015 at the Goshen Care Center. Services will be Saturday, December 19, 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Torrington, with interment to follow at Valley View Cemetery. The service will be officiated by Rev. Rick Cederholm and Deacon Rolland Raboin. Viewing will be held Friday, December 18, 3-5 p.m. at the Colyer Funeral Home, which is in charge of all arrangements. Memorials in his honor may be made to the First Baptist Church of Torrington.

Leonard's early years were spent at the family homestead in Chestnut Valley, where he attended the Francel School. The family later moved to Lingle where Leonard enjoyed his years playing cornet in the High School band. After moving to Torrington, his father signed for his enlistment at 17 in the U.S. Navy during the latter years of WWII, where he served as a cook. Leonard eventually graduated from THS in 1948.

Although his fiancé had tragically died of a heart attack, Leonard eventually met Pauline Smith at church. One of their dating moments was the day of the Blizzard of '49, when Leonard got Pauline home south of Torrington and headed to his family home. It was a few days before they discovered that each was safe, but they had written letters to each other all their days of separation. They were married June 1, 1949 at the First Baptist Church in Torrington. They had two sons, Wayne (Cathy) of Torrington and Michael

(Susan) of Dallas, TX.

During his productive life, Leonard worked, managed, or owned service stations for Sinclair, Conoco, and Mobil. Leonard was twice elected County Clerk, served as Torrington City Clerk, and was the Office Manager for Scott and Son Construction when he retired in 1989. He served his community as Past Commander of Travis Snow Post #5, was Past Grand for Lodge #48 of the IOOF, was a member of Kiwanis, and was a charter member of the first JayCee Chapter in Torrington. He was very involved in his church and served many years as a Deacon at First Baptist as well as singing in the church choir, and for local cantatas, which was one of his many joys in life. Leonard also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. His love of the outdoors extended to the Christmas season, as it was the custom for many years for the family to go to the Deahl ranch and cut a cedar tree for the season.

In retirement, Leonard and Pauline were able to take several bus tours with friends and extended family. These included a Fall foliage tour of New England, a visit to Nashville and the Grand Old Opry, and other locations. He enjoyed dropping a few quarters at regional casinos, just for enjoyment. They were long-time season football ticket holders for UW football and attended almost all home games until health issues forced him to stop attending.

Leonard loved his Cowboys, win or lose. He and Pauline were members of the Fort Laramie Supper Club, a group of friends who enjoyed good food and playing Pinochle. Leonard also worked part-time for Colyer Funeral Home.

Music was his special pleasure, especially the Big Band sound of his youth.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Pauline, a sister, Georgia, of Laramie, and by his sons. He was especially proud of his grandchildren, Mike Bostick of Lander, Jessica Deahl of Austin, TX, and Kristen Deahl of Chicago, IL, as well as many well-loved nieces and nephews.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Larry Mitchell.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Baptist Church
2241 Main Street
Torrington, WY

Tribute Wall

WB

“ Wayne And Ronnie Kay Brown lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl



Wayne and Ronnie Kay Brown - January 12, 2016 at 10:53 PM

WB

Leonard will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. It is a privilege to have known him. May you feel the Lord's loving embrace holding you and sustaining you at this tender time

Wayne and Ronnie Kay Brown - January 12, 2016 at 10:57 PM

TL

“ Theresa L.J(Urbanek)Madsen lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl



Theresa L.J(Urbanek)Madsen - January 12, 2016 at 04:59 PM

TL

Will always remember Leonard as he was close to my mothers room, (Louise Urbanek}, He enjoyed her polka music an was a gentleman and loved his smile. Our thoughts go out to all his family.

Theresa L.J(Urbanek)Madsen - January 12, 2016 at 05:07 PM

RE

“ Rafael, Gina, Eric And Ericka lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl



Rafael, Gina, Eric and Ericka - January 08, 2016 at 08:44 PM

KW

“ Pauline and family, I send my deepest sympathies to you all. Leonard meant a great deal to me. Health issues prevented me from attending his memorial service, but know that you were in my prayers as was his memory. I reach out to you at this time.



Keith Whitney - December 19, 2015 at 08:47 PM

LK

“ Pauline, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Leonard. Find relief in knowing, like my dad Valdean, Leonard is not suffering any more. Pauline if you need anything at all give me a call, my dad would want me to help you in anyway I can. Rest in peace sweet Leonard, you will be missed but never forgotten.

Linda Kane - December 19, 2015 at 01:07 AM

DM

“ My Uncle Leonard had a warm bass-baritone voice and easy going manner that I'm reminded of whenever I see a Bing Crosby movie. He was a kind gentleman and had an easy laugh that made everything somehow okay. Thank you, uncle!

David Mitchell - December 17, 2015 at 04:34 PM

BH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. LD was a great man and also a dear friend. He will be sorely missed.



Bruce & Dorothy Hacker - December 17, 2015 at 10:48 AM

GF

“ Gary & Judy Taylor's Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leonard Jesse Deahl.



Gary & Judy Taylor's Family - December 16, 2015 at 08:33 PM

MW

“ Pauline and family: I am sending prayers for your loss of your love, Leonard. The two of you always had such happy smiles. Thank you for that memory. Marion Harris Weickum, THS Class '54, Rupert, Idaho

Marion Harris Weickum - December 16, 2015 at 10:50 AM

DY

“ Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl



Darin Yates - December 15, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leonard Jesse Deahl.*



December 15, 2015 at 12:18 PM



“ *Sharon Bates lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl*



Sharon Bates - December 15, 2015 at 06:45 AM



“ *Pauline: Just heard that Lenard was called home by our Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this trying time. You will miss your husband and friend but I know that you are glad that his suffering is over. If I can be of any help, call me at 532-5574. We will get together soon. Your friend Bob Thomas*

Robert C. Thomas - December 14, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Bob Otero lit a candle in memory of Leonard Jesse Deahl*



Bob Otero - December 14, 2015 at 06:31 PM