



Mary "KATHY" Johnson

October 10, 2008

TORRINGTON, WY . . . Funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for MARY KATHLEEN "KATHY" JOHNSON, 62, at 10am on Friday, October 10, 2008 at St. Rose Catholic Church with The Rev. Fathers Kevin Koch and Michael Carr co-officiating. Burial will take place at the LaGrange Cemetery. A Wake/Rosary service will be held on Thursday evening at 7pm at St. Rose. The casket will be closed. Kathy died on October 6, 2008 at her home in LaGrange. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to either the LaGrange Community Endowment c/o Wyoming Community Foundation or to the Davis Hospice Center of Cheyenne. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Kathy was born on February 19, 1946 in Torrington, Wyoming the daughter of Leo and Lucile (McDonald) Applegate. She grew up and received her education at Torrington; graduating Torrington High School in 1964. Kathy went on to attend the University of Wyoming at Laramie for one year before returning to Torrington where she worked for three years for Dr. Loren B. Morgan, an ophthalmologist. On February 27, 1968, Kathy married Archie Johnson of LaGrange, Wyoming. The couple have resided on the Johnson Family Broken Box Ranch to this day. Kathy was an active member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Torrington; she served on the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation Board, and was a member of the Goshen County and Wyoming State Cattlewomen. She helped her sons with many 4-H projects through the years, and she loved

spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Archie; their three sons, Andy Johnson of Phippsburg, Colorado; Matt Johnson and his wife Lisa; and Pat Johnson and his wife Marisa, all of the family ranch at LaGrange; three grandchildren, Nicholas Paxton and Haley Johnson of Phippsburg, Colorado; and Kenna Noble of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Lynn Applegate of Cheyenne, Wyoming; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and John Kopischke of Lincoln, Nebraska; a sister-in-law and her spouse, Nancy Jo and Rick Lusk of Alliance, Nebraska; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Kathy and I had such fun doing Cattlewomen promotions together. We traveled many miles. I always treasured her friendship!!! So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.*
Kim & Doug DesEnfants

Kim DesEnfants - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *We are saddened to learn of Kathy's passing. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to each of you. When Kathy would attend one of our meetings in recent years, it was such a treat. It was always nice to see her and visit! There are so many fond memories of Kathy within our organization. We are sure going to miss her.*

Goshen CattleWomen - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *My condolences to your family. I have had the privilege of knowing several of you. In this difficult time it is so wonderful to be surrounded by a loving family. Kathy is now at peace and you can rest assured about "where she is". Especially to Nancy, special prayers for all of you. Sincerely Jo "Pinkie" Butler*

Jo Butler - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ *I adored Kathy Johnson growing up, and I adored her as an adult. She was always merry and kind to me and my brother and sister. She will be greatly missed.*

Kathy Ackerman - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *May our special "Apple" rest in peace. I know she fought a long and hard battle these last few years. Her laughter will resound in my memories forever. She was a very good friend and a very important part of my school years in Torrington. Dwight and I send our friendship and sympathy to you Archie and all of the family. Vickie Smith*

Vickie Davis Smith - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *To: Archie; Andy, Nicolas & Haley; Matt, Lisa and Kenna; Pat and Marisa.
Ron and I want you to know how sad we are to learn about Kathy's death. She was such a brave person filled with this awesome energy and optimistic nature. I stood in awe of her ability to persevere and fight her battle with cancer, knowing that I would not have been so strong. I have thought about her courage and also about the messages from her life. Her family came first! She must have felt immensely proud of her contributions as she leaves a proud legacy as Archie's partner and as a mother and grandmother. There is no greater gift than to influence the lives of our children and grandchildren in a positive way. And so, I am certain that you will see her influence in your future days and that her gifts to you will live on. It is 6 years since we lost our son-in-law, Mark, but I can tell you that I felt his presence and saw his influence as my granddaughters carried on his traditions this past week end. Please know that we will hold you in our thoughts and prayers. Ron and Sherri*

Ron and Sherri Lovercheck - October 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM