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MELVIN R. EATON, 89, of Torrington said his final goodbye to the world on March 31, 2021 in his home as the sun rose on a beautiful Spring day.

He was the youngest of three children born to Tom and Florence Eaton of Veteran, growing up on a homestead still owned by the family west of Yoder. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother John Eaton of Butler, PA, and sister, Margaret Johnson of Laramie, and his wife, Rosalie Rock of Torrington.

A 1950 graduate of the Veteran High School Eagles, he was involved in both high school athletics, became an Eagle Scout with the BSA, and engaged in FFA activities for modernized farming.

Eaton served active duty during the Korean conflict for two years and four years in Reserves with the Corps of Engineers before coming home to marry Marita Clare Brill who gave him four daughters and a son.

In his youth, Melvin's father, Tom Eaton, moved his family closer to Veteran following doctors orders to get out of the dust-bowl homestead to an irrigated property near the town site of Veteran, where Melvin farmed and raised his children who attended Goshen Hole High School and Southeast High School. An avid farmer and rancher with an interest in contour farming that earned for him an award from state FFA, he spent his early career developing the family property and raising his children, before-- in his later years-- taking on the

position of Goshen County Planner and Emergency Manager within Torrington. Within that time, he pursued and completed his Associates degree from Eastern Wyoming College in 1984.

Following the dissolution of his first marriage, he later married Rosalie Rock of Torrington in 1977 and moved from Veteran to Torrington in 1988. He kept his administrative position with Goshen County, fulfilling various roles, and managing the family ranch until 2013 before retiring at 80 years old.

Within the combined family, Eaton is survived by six daughters and three sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, with two children, Thomas Eaton of Veteran, and Cindy (Rock) Breedlove of Torrington residing in Goshen County.

Funeral services will be held at Colyer Funeral Home. Viewing is at 3PM- 5PM on Thursday, April 7 and the funeral is at 10 A.M., Friday, April 8th with Bill Eaton from the Yoder Community Church officiating. The funeral will be followed by a short grave-side service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle.

Eaton requested that in lieu of flowers that if donations should be made that they should be directed to Diversified Services Inc of Torrington.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 7. 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

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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PO Box 20 / 2935 Main  
Torrington, WY 82240  
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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Mel Eaton was a wonderful conversationalist with a witty turn-of-phrase. I will not forget Mr. Eaton. My sympathies to his family.*

Dana J. Lent - May 02, 2022 at 01:33 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Davis lit a candle in memory of Melvin Robert Eaton*



Kathy Davis - April 08, 2022 at 10:58 PM

PM

“ *What af a kind. n great man for his family and Goshen County Wyoming. He was one one of a kind,*

patrick mckiney - April 07, 2022 at 07:40 PM

DI

“ *We will always cherish the times we spent with Mel and Rosalie on our bus trips to Deadwood and the many laughs we had. When we would see him at the Senior Center he always asked who we were because he couldn't see well and then the conversation inevitably went to those fun times. He was an extraordinary man we will dearly miss.*

*Dennis and Diane Kelly*

Diane - April 07, 2022 at 11:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Eaton.*



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April 06, 2022 at 06:08 PM



“ *Mel was an amazing human being and I enjoyed every encounter I ever had with him. He will be missed and remembered by many,*

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**DeeAnn Hankins** - April 06, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *DeeAnn Hankins lit a candle in memory of Melvin Robert Eaton*



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**DeeAnn Hankins** - April 06, 2022 at 02:13 PM



“ *Honored to have known him.*



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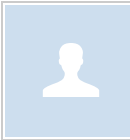
**Cathy Gracd** - April 06, 2022 at 09:47 AM

Laura Davidson

“ *Laura Davidson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Robert Eaton*



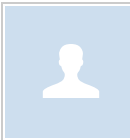
Laura Davidson - April 06, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Eaton.*



April 05, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *<a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518" target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Eaton.*

April 05, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Condolences to the family.*



Bob Otero - April 05, 2022 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvin Robert Eaton.*



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April 05, 2022 at 12:01 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Eatons for the loss of their family patriarch. I have very fond memories of Mel from when I resided in Goshen County, from 1986 to 1995. He was kindly and had a great, albeit droll, sense of humor. My sister Christie purchased a beautiful wood burning cook stove from Mel that she has in her cabin in Grand Lake, Colorado and it's still in excellent working condition. She aptly named it "Melanie" in honor of Mel...and the great deal he made her on the stove, which was sitting in one of the family ranch's out buildings in Veteran, gathering dust. Good memories indeed. I hope the Eatons also enjoy their memories of their father, grandfather, uncle and good friend to all during this time of sadness and grief. He lived a very good life. With love, Laura "LO" Davidson, Eagle River, Alaska.*

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**Laura Davidson** - April 04, 2022 at 10:27 PM

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“Mel, or Mr. Mel as I always called him, was my father-in-law for fifteen years. From the first time that I met him and Rosalie, they made me feel welcome and loved. He never failed to tell me on my summer visits to Wyoming that the ranch was home and to make myself comfortable and how glad he was that I was there. From his son, Thomas, I learned what an amazing father Mel had been to his children, raising them single-handedly for a number of years while still running the ranch. You had to get to know him to see his quiet sense of humor, but it was definitely there. He is forever locked in my memory in his boots and jeans, blue button-up shirt and white straw cowboy hat. Wyoming will always be my second home because of the Eatons, who have a huge place in my heart.

*...The summer's gone,  
And all the flowers are falling  
'Tis you, 'tis you  
Must go and I must bide...*

*With deepest affection, Lisa*

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**Lisa Speer** - April 04, 2022 at 05:10 PM

DJ

“I cherish the memories I have of Uncle Mel, my Mom, Margaret Eaton Johnson's younger brother. I'll always remember him for his kindness, his sense of humor and his willingness to help others. Rest in Peace, Uncle Mel. You will live on in our hearts and our memories. .



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**David Johnson** - April 04, 2022 at 04:49 PM