



Melvin Ray Leach

October 7, 1933 - October 27, 2017

Funeral services for MELVIN RAY LEACH, 84, will be held at 10am Friday, November 3, 2017 at East Gate Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Sparks officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Ray died October 27, 2017 at Northern Colorado Medical Center in Greeley, Colorado. Memorials may be given to Waggin Tails Animal Shelter, Operation Heal Our Patriots or East Gate Baptist Church. Visitation will be Thursday from 3pm to 5pm at the funeral home. Colyer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Ray was born October 7, 1933 in Bedford County, Pennsylvania the son of Melvin and Hulda (Ritchey) Leach. He graduated Morrison's Cove High School in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania and then attended Penn State College. He served three years in the United States Marine Corp. He married Dorothy Bold on June 7, 1958 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and then worked at the M&M Ranch in Loxahatchee, Florida as a show cattle herdsman. He started work for the Florida Department of Agriculture as a livestock marketing specialist in 1962 and was there until 1977. In 1977 he started working for the USDA in the same capacity and retired from there in 1999. They moved to Torrington in 1979.

Ray enjoyed mules, horses, leather work, hunting, reading and traveling. He was a member of the East Gate Baptist Church.

Ray is survived by his wife Dorothy of Torrington, Wyoming; daughters Rebecca (Edward) Gitthens of Glendo, Wyoming and Melissa (Randy) Caldwell of Edgerton, Missouri; sons Scott (Sheila) Leach of Glendo and Samuel (Emily) Leach of Portland, Oregon; a brother James Leach of Bakers Summit, Pennsylvania; ten grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers Clair, Roy, Harold and Joseph; and one sister Edna Kagarise.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (MT)

East Gate Baptist Church
1715 East L
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-3007

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Dear Dottie and Family... We've lost a true Western Gentle Man. Reiny and I were saddened to learn of his passing today. Ray was the first "cowboy" who ever "tipped" his hat to me. I also recall how gentle he was in telling someone they should purchase an American car rather than one from Korea or Japan. He walked daily in a pressed cowboy shirt, jeans, cowboy hat and often boots. I recall being relieved to finally see him in sneakers! I know his faith in his destination was unwavering. We hope his passing was peaceful. Fondly from Ancient Oaks neighbors.
Sally & Reiny Peterson

Reiny & Sally Peterson - January 08, 2018 at 08:33 AM

LG

“ Hello Dottie, reading Rays obituary, took my mind back in time when the two of you ventured off in the pickup and trailer. Your willingness to just go along was admirable. But you always were more than just a companion. You added fulfillment to the moment. I apologize for not getting back to you and Ray. His sweet mule, Miss Kitty, is happy grazing ground in South Dakota where Connie and Kenny Bartels have a place to ride the Hills. Miss Kitty still refuses to cross railroad tracks, but the rest of her rides are smooth and agreeable. I'll always be thankful for our friendship and lasting memories of our wagon train adventures. Peace and Love be with us Always, Lanny

Lanny Gentry - November 08, 2017 at 08:26 AM

KV

“ *Dottie & family,
I am so sad to hear about Ray's passing. May
God wrap his arms around you and comfort
you during this difficult time. We will see him
soon!*



Kristi Vasko - November 02, 2017 at 06:51 PM

LI

“ *Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in
memory of Melvin Ray Leach*



Loren and Shirley Isbell - November 02, 2017 at 10:27 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of
Melvin Ray Leach.*



November 01, 2017 at 10:37 AM