



Melvin Shipley

December 14, 1932 - August 26, 2009

LINGLE, WYOMING.....Funeral services for MELVIN E. SHIPLEY 76, will be held at 2pm Monday, August 31, 2009 at the Lingle Community Presbyterian Church with Reverend Curtis Hill officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Melvin died August 26, 2009 at Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A memorial has been established to the Lingle Volunteer Fire Department. Visitation will be at the funeral home Monday from 9am to noon and briefly prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Melvin was born December 14, 1932 in Carroll, Nebraska the son of Lyle and Meta (Brogren) Shipley. He spent his early years in Carroll and then moved to Gretna, Nebraska where his parents owned a filling station. He left school early to support his family. He moved to Potter, Nebraska to farm with family and friends. He joined the U.S. Army in 1953 and was discharged in 1955. He met Pauline Harding in England in 1954 and ten months later she came to the states. They were married January 9, 1956 in Sidney, Nebraska. They moved to Dalton, Nebraska where they farmed for ten years. During that time he also worked for Bridgeport Equipment. They moved to Bridgeport, Nebraska for two years before moving to Lingle, Wyoming to farm the Lingle Ranch for nineteen years. He bought his own farm in 1987 and moved there to farm the rest of his life. Melvin was an avid reader and self-taught in many areas. He was meticulous in the maintenance of his farm and equipment. He loved

anything to do with farming. He was a member of the Eagles in Bridgeport, the Lingle American Legion, served on the Gratten Ditch Company Board, and managed the Lower Bovee Drainage. Melvin is survived by his wife Pauline of Lingle, Wyoming; a son Mark Shipley and his wife Mauna of Lingle; a daughter Charlene Shipley of Casper; granddaughters Porscha Beyeler and Sara Wagner of Casper, and Malia and Morea Shipley of Lingle; a great grandson Skyler Wagner of Casper; and a sister Vonnadel Meyer of Sheridan, Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-father Robert McDonald; and one infant brother.

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mel after he and my Dad were partners in some cattle, something they did for several years. My parents had to leave their car over night in Scottsbluff to be fixed, so they asked me to take them home. Not long after we got to the ranch, Mel drove in. He and his family have been our friends ever since. I always will remember the night several of us were leaving a night rodeo at The Goshen County Fair, and somebody driving out as we were walking, said said to my Dad, "Hello Partner." After he left the first night I met Mel, my Mom asked me if I didn't think their new partner was such a nice guy, which I agreed. Mel passing away is a great loss to us all.

Garold W. And Theresa L. Newton - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM