



## Melvo Ermin Fry

May 1, 1908 - January 23, 2013

Melvo Ermin Fry, 104, passed away early Wednesday morning, January 23, 2013 at the Goshen Care Center in Torrington, Wyoming. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, January 28, at the Goshen Care Center with Pastor Bob Fertsch and Pastor Curtis Hill officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle. Memorials may be made to either the Lingle Fire Department or the Goshen Care Center. Visitation will be Sunday from 3-7 p.m. and Monday from 9-10:15 a.m., with family, at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) .

Melvo was born May 1st, 1908, in Logan, Iowa the son of Andrew Jackson and Mary Jane Charlotte (Shaw) Fry. At age seven, his family traded the corn and tree farm in Iowa for a citrus farm near Weslaco, Texas where he started school. In 1918, the family moved to a farm near Leedy, Oklahoma. Melvo picked cotton there and bought WWI war bonds in support of his older brother, Clark, a soldier in France. In 1920, his family moved to, his brother, Calvin's homestead three miles east of Jay Em, Wyoming. It was there that he walked a little over a mile to a one room school house and attended school through the 8th grade. He then did some classes through the mail, as he valued his education. He helped his father ranch and farm until he bought a house in Lingle in 1939. His elderly folks then moved to Lingle to live with him. Melvo worked at the potato cellar unloading freight from the trains and odd jobs

around Lingle. In the early fifties, he moved back to the ranch to help care for his father until his death at age 98. He moved back to Lingle in the sixties where he lived until moving to the Goshen Care Center in 2000.

Melvo was a gentle man who liked to read and have a good dog. He liked having a garden and fruit trees. Melvo had a remarkable memory and could tell many stories of family and growing up. He enjoyed his years at the Care Center especially music and hymn singing...but most of all he enjoyed bingo. A highlight for him, was riding in the Goshen County parade at age 102.

He is survived by four nieces, Arbonna Davis of CO, Nadine Page and Linda Nichol of WY and Audrey Fry of South Carolina; two nephews, Lyndell Morgan and Wayne Fry of CO and several great, great great, and even great great great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; four sisters, Florence Kirkwood, Ina Burge, Chloe Morgan, Bonnie Scheer; three brothers, Calvin, Clark and Arol Fry; and several nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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

## Visitation

JAN 28. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (MT)

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## Service

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JAN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Goshen Care Center  
2009 Laramie Street  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was privileged to be able to care for Melvo for a year on 200 hall. He and I had great fun at times. We had wheelchair races. He had a Chevy and I had a Ford. I was on foot by the way. He would wheel his chair as fast as he could and beat me. And always giggle. I was teasing him a year ago about going to Colorado and have Halloween with my daughter and Granddaughter. I asked him if he wanted to go, very plainly he stated NO! And I wasn't going to go either. First off I didn't know how to drive and I was driving a Ford. So the trip was out of the question. I did go but he wasn't happy with me. I did not behave. He decided after a while that getting me to behave wasn't going to happen so he just may as well accept it. We sort of adopted each other. And I grew to love him. He is a treasure for his family. Right now I imagine he is giving the Angels lessons on how to drive a team of horses, and loving every minute of it.

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**Marilyn Sturgeon** - January 24, 2013 at 02:05 PM