



## Merlin Anderson

June 13, 1927 - August 24, 2011

Merlin L. Anderson, 84, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, at Community Hospital in Torrington and cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 29, at the Henry/Lyman Methodist Church in Henry with Tom Youngquist officiating. Memorials may be made to either the church or Gracie's Promise in care of Bud Watson at 621 West 15th Avenue, Torrington, WY 82240. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Merlin was born June 13, 1927, in Allen, Neb. the son of Enoch and Viola (Kaer) Anderson. He moved with his family to Wyoming settling in the Huntley area. He finished his education graduating from Huntley High School in 1945. Merlin worked with his father on the farm before entering the military. After his honorable discharge he resumed farming with his father. Merlin married Marjorie Maude and they raised a daughter Cheryl and two sons David and Eric. Marjorie died Dec. 15, 1983. He married Betty Martindale July 12, 1985, in Cheyenne, Wyo. Merlin worked with the Goshen County Sheriff's department until 1991 when he purchased a farm south of Torrington. Farming was his great love and he continued working the farm until 2008 when he retired. Merlin was a seventy-year member of the Henry/Lyman Methodist Church, a member of Travis Snow Post #5 of the American Legion, and a member of Farm Bureau. Survivors include his wife Betty of Torrington, Wyo.; daughter Cheryl Sinner and her husband Bruce of Yoder, Wyo.; sons, David Anderson of Torrington, and Eric Anderson of

Holyoke, Colo.; step-daughter, Betty Welsch and her husband Marvin of Torrington; step-sons, Shelby Martindale and his wife Janet of Torrington, and Phil Martindale and his wife Sue of Glendo, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Preceding Merlin in death were his parents; first wife Marjorie; a brother and sister.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Betty and Family,

*My condolences to all of you on Merlin's passing. The last few days have been filled with many great memories of Merlin, dating back so many years. He was a good friend, one who always was comfortable to be with even though we may not have seen each other for some years. As with such close friends who leave us, his parting leaves a gap. But it was my good fortune to know him as a friend.*

*May your memories of him sustain you at this time. Laddie Kumelos*

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**Laddie Kumelos** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Would like to add my condolences for Merlin. I, too, went to Henry Methodist Church many years ago. I am the daughter of Dennis and Evalyn Johnson. I knew Merlin's folks, Enoch and Viola well. I can still see them in my mind's eye at church. What I remember was they were both tall.*

*Also, I went to Torrington High School with Marjorie.*

*I have a friend who lives in Holyoke, CO, Shirley Nolde Hethcote. Maybe Eric may know her. Her husband Gene died a couple years ago.*

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**Vivian Johnson Lillie** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM