



## R. LeRoy Sterkel

April 27, 1930 - September 14, 2016

R. LeRoy Sterkel

LINGLE, WYOMING -- R. LeRoy Sterkel, 86, went to his eternal rest Wednesday, September 14, 2016 with his loving wife of 65 years by his side. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, September 19, at the 1st Congregational Church in Torrington with Reverend Matt Gordon officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle.

Memorials may be made to the Lingle Fire Department or the Central Wyoming Hospice Program at 319 South Wilson, Casper, WY 82601.

Visitation will be Sunday from 1-4 p.m. at the Colyer Funeral Home and the casket will be open at the church prior to services.

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)

LeRoy was born April 27, 1930 in Batesland, SD. He was the son of Alex and Katherine (Yekel) Sterkel. After attending high school in Lingle, he worked on the family farm until joining the Navy in 1950. He served on the troop Transport Ship USS General W.A. Mann during the Korean Conflict. While serving in the Navy, he returned home to marry the love of his life, Betty Jane Hettinger on May 13, 1951. After honorable discharge from the Navy in 1954 he returned to Lingle where he enjoyed his chosen occupation of farming for 32 years. He worked at Holly Sugar after retiring from farming.

LeRoy enjoyed raising a large garden and took great joy in sharing his produce with family and friends. He also enjoyed playing bingo with his wife

and friends.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW.

LeRoy's greatest pride in life was his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Survivors include his soulmate Jane; five children, Dan (Ardys) Sterkel of Casper, WY, Rodney (Sheila) Sterkel of Torrington, WY, Linda (Dwayne) Schifferns of Glenrock, WY, Jerry (Tammy) Sterkel of Lingle, WY and David (Machelle) Sterkel of Henry, NE; 17 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren....and counting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Willie, Harry, Benny, Ted and his sister Betty Jane Morgheim.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

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

## Service

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

First Congregational Church  
2102 East E  
Torrington, WY 82240  
(307) 532-5595

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Tammy {Elmore} Shaffer lit a candle in memory of R. LeRoy Sterkel*



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**Tammy {Elmore} Shaffer** - September 25, 2016 at 05:21 PM

GA

“ *Our condolences for your loss.  
Gary & Peg Anderson*

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**Gary Anderson** - September 20, 2016 at 05:55 PM

HJ

“ *Holly, Jordan, Jake and Jenn. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of R. LeRoy Sterkel.*



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**Holly, Jordan, Jake and Jenn.** - September 19, 2016 at 02:03 AM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of R. LeRoy Sterkel*



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**Carol Peterson** - September 17, 2016 at 10:22 AM

LP

“ Work with LeRoy at the factory, what a truly nice person and I loved all the produce he would share. He will be missed!

lynn powers - September 17, 2016 at 07:33 AM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of R. LeRoy Sterkel



Scherri Hacker - September 16, 2016 at 07:46 PM

TY

“ We keep the Sterkel family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the Lord.

*Our deepest sympathy,*

*Kent and Tammy Yung*

tammy yung - September 16, 2016 at 05:55 PM

MK

“ May the Lord comfort you in this terrible moment of loss. The angels will look over you forever!

*May you always remember the good times.*

*Peace be with you and your family.*

*Mark and Janet Knisley, Matt and Racquel, Macie Knisley*

Mark and Janet Knisley - September 16, 2016 at 02:12 PM

MK

“ *Mark And Janet Knisley lit a candle in  
memory of R. LeRoy Sterkel*



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**Mark and Janet Knisley** - September 16, 2016 at 02:08 PM