



## Richard Vondra

January 20, 1922 - March 31, 2009

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for RICHARD "DICK" J. VONDRA 87, will be held at 3:30pm Monday, April 6, 2009 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Matthew Gordon officiating. Richard died at Community Hospital on March 31, 2009 and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorials be sent to the Goshen County Volunteer Fire Department of the Shriners for family travel expenses. 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). Dick was born on January 20, 1922 to J.L. "Pete" and Mabel (Abley) Vondra of the Prairie Center Community. He was a farmer and rancher at heart. He worked at Holly Sugar for thirty years, retiring in 1987. He married Hazel Meacham during WWII while in the service. They were later divorced. He later married Ophelia "Mac" McCoy in 1961 and they made their home west of Torrington, Wyoming. Dick's greatest joy was his family and his grandchildren were very near and dear to his heart. Dick is survived by his wife Mac of Torrington; sister Pat and Stan Kuns of Torrington; four children, Richard Shetlley of California, Bonnie Ilg of California, Raymond McCoy of Gillette, Wyoming, and Bobbie Sanger of Casper, Wyoming; and seven grandchildren, Rick, Terri, Tammy, Brenda, Missy, Bryan, and Stacey. He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Pearl; two brothers, Jim in 1939 and Kenneth "Bud" Vondra in 1994; three sisters, Dolly Gheen in 1967, Vivian Britton in 1989, and Esther Schloatman in 2005; two nephews, Billy

and Jim Vondra; and a niece, Diana Schnornberg.

# Tribute Wall

MK

“ So sorry for your loss. Please know that Chuck and I are thinking of you.

*Margy and Chuck Karpf*

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**Margy Karpf** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Growing up in Oregon made it hard for us to see our dear Uncle and Aunt very often. Every visit from Uncle Dick and Aunt Mac were major events filled with great stories and easy laughs.

*I will always remember Uncle Dick's grin. He had such a kind way about him and he will be dearly missed by all of us.*

*We love you Aunt Mac. You and your entire family are in our prayers.*

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**Amy Britton James** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Dick was one great person who was always positive and a great friend. We enjoyed visiting with Dick and look forward to feeding the horses on his place just to visit with Dick. He was a kind honest man and did his best to help anyone who needed it. We will miss Dick and his great sense of humor.

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**Bob and Pat Adams** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Aunt Mac and family,  
When I was a boy, Uncle Dick came to spend the summer at our home. Dad, taking full advantage of free help and Uncle Dick's mechanical skills,  
sent him out on lots of service calls. I was usually his guide and we became good friends. As he grew older, he retained the tinkle in his eye that showed his zest for living. My siblings always claimed that I was Mother's favorite. She said that I reminded her of her brother, Dick. If its true, it was a blessing.  
Much Love to you all  
Harold and Judy

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**Harold Britton** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

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**Joe&Henrietta Clutter** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ray and your family. Please don't hesitate to call if you need anything.

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**Jim Mciver** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ Uncle Dick was the strong link between our mother's Wyoming roots and the Oregon Brittons. He and Aunt Mac (and Bobby) were there all during our childhoods and continued their love and support until both our parents were gone. Then the travel went East. My family only visited a few times but each visit was as wonderful as their visits to us in Oregon and California. Thank you, dear man.

*Evie, John and Robin Plankinton*

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**Evelyn Plankinton** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Uncle Dick was the family storyteller...the best ever.(I'm not sure some childhood friends would have appreciated him telling about their antics of long ago but we cherish every story.) He helped us all connect with family that the Oregon branch didn't get to know very well. Luckily we got to record many of his stories and put them in writing. Our lives are richer for having him be part of our family. Our love to all.

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**Howard and Sandee** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM