



Robert Heyl

November 14, 1931 - April 15, 2007

TORRINGTON, WYO. . . . Memorial services for ROBERT D. HEYL, 75, will be held at 10:00am on Friday, April 20, 2007 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Torrington with The Rev. Mary Jellison officiating. Burial will be held in the Bayard, Nebraska cemetery with Military Honors. Robert died on April 15, 2007 in Cheyenne, Wyoming and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, the family would request that memorial donations be directed to either the All Saints Episcopal Church or to the Torrington American Legion Travis Snow Post #5. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com Bob was born on November 14, 1931 in Bayard, Nebraska the son of Earl and Ulna (Armagost) Heyl. He grew up and received his education in Bayard; graduating from Bayard High School in 1949. While a young man in Bayard, Bob worked at the Rex and Palm Theatres and also worked at the Plummer Funeral Home. He entered the United States Air Force; attended basic training in Biloxi, Mississippi; and then served during the Korean Conflict as a Senior Radio Intercept Operator. He was discharged in December of 1954. Bob married Setsuko Higuchi at the American Embassy in Tokyo, Japan on October 12, 1954. The couple came back to the U.S. and settled in the Nebraska Panhandle where Bob leased the Nile Theatre in Mitchell. They continued to live in Nebraska until the late 1950's when they moved their family to Torrington, Wyoming. Bob then managed the Wyoming Theatre and the West Drive-In Theatre for many years. In 1967, Bob and

Setsuko divorced. On December 12, 1968, Bob married Cora Brown at Grace Chapel in Laramie, Wyoming. Bob and Cora became the owners of the Wyoming Theatre in Torrington in the early 1970's. Bob sold the theatre in 1983 and then worked for a short time at the KGOS Radio Station and Muzak. He re-opened the theatre in 1984. He and Cora divorced in 2003 and Bob continued to run the theatre until his retirement in 2004. He moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming in 2005. Bob was a life member of the Episcopal Church and served on the church vestry in Torrington. He was also a board member of the Wyoming National Public Radio; the Airport Board; and the EWC Foundation Board. For many years Bob enjoyed amateur radio; his call sign WA7ALI , widely known with the High Plains Amateur Radio Club. He also participated in the Community Theatre productions; the Community Choir and he sang in the Wyoming State Choir in New York City. He was also a member of the Shrine Club, Job's Daughters where he served as Bethel Guardian; the Eastern Star where he served as Patron and was the Grand Representative to Nova Scotia; and the Masonic Consistory Team of Wyoming. Bob was Showman of the Year in 1983 at the ShoWest Theatre Convention in San Diego; a board member of the Rocky Mountain Picture Association, board member of the Colorado-Wyoming National Association of Theatre Owners ; and he was an avid supporter of the area schools reading program. Bob was a member of the American Legion Travis Snow Post #5 in Torrington. He is survived by his daughter, Cathy Heyl of Cheyenne, Wyoming; son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Patrice Heyl of Torrington, Wyoming; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Tim Keeler of Broomfield, Colorado; and a foster daughter Jessica Walsh Meier and her husband Chris of Rogersville, Missouri; a sister-in-law Eldora Heyl of Eureka, Kansas; three granddaughters Chelsea Mitchell; Ellie Keeler; and Jillian Meier; six grandsons, Christopher, Anthony, and Alexander Heyl; Mason and Garrett Keeler; and Jacob Meier; a niece Karla Campbell, and three nephews, Tom Heyl, and William and Robert DeLett. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, a son Raymond, and two daughters, Susan and Deborah all in infancy; two sisters, Ruth DeLett and

Dorothy Farlow; one brother, William 'Bill' Heyl; one nephew James 'Jim' Farlow; and one grandson, Stefan Heyl.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thinking about the family during this time. I really enjoyed Bob in Eastern Star and at the picture show. He will truly be missed.

Theil Ryan - April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Through the years I knew Bob not only from a professional standpoint, but from a personal view as well. I found him to be very informed and conversant. Through membership in an investment club we experienced a common area of interest and both benefited from it. He was consistent in his good humor and in my opinion was an excellent businessman.
He will be missed.

Keith Whitney - April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear about Bob. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Verity Elizondo - April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Bob through his daughter, Donna, in the mid 80s. He was a very interesting man and I was saddened to learn of his death. My thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss. My sincerest sympathy to his loved ones that he left behind. May you find strength in each other and God and may Bob's memories comfort and sustain you in the future.

Jim Rupkalvis - April 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM