



## Russell William Shannon

December 1, 1936 - January 21, 2025

Russell W. Shannon, 88, died January 21, 2025, in Torrington, Wyoming. Funeral services for Russell will be held at 2 pm on Monday January 27th, at Lighthouse Ministries in Torrington, with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Burial will follow at Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Visitation will take place an hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Russell William Shannon, the son of Wilbur and Bernice Shannon, was born December 1, 1936, just north of Hawk Springs, Wyoming. He was raised in Hawk Springs and attended high school where he graduated in 1955. He was a standout runner at Hawk Springs High and was a member of the cross country run team that placed first at the University of Wyoming high school invite in 1954. After high school, Russell pursued farming and ranching as a career west of Hawk Springs and south of Yoder, Wyoming. He worked for several farms before purchasing his own and starting a lifelong love of farming and ranching. He raised cows, pigs, chickens, and eventually purchased some wheat ground that he farmed throughout his life. When not farming, Russell enjoyed dancing on the weekends and is where he met the love of his life--Joan Lange. They were married in Morrill, Nebraska on October 5, 1958, and move to their farm that Russell started from scratch. They had three children, Sherri, Kent, and Brenda. As the family grew, Russell took on several jobs including National Guard duty as lead mechanic, and many long hours at

the sugar factory. He loved to mechanic on all types of farm equipment and cars of every variety. He was known to locals as one of the best mechanics in Goshen County and he could fix just about anything that had a motor. People realized this and came to him for help on many occasions. Russell loved antique cars and farm equipment, and you could bet he would be at any auction in the local area that had equipment or cars for sale. Russell and Joan raised their family at their farm and were married for 65 years. They were both known for their generosity and their love of being with their 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. They passed on many farming and ranching traditions that are carried on today.

He is survived by his three children, Sherri (John) Herbst, Kent Shannon, Brenda (Jeff) Johnson and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Lighthouse Ministries  
3802 Hot Springs Street  
Torrington, WY

## Funeral Service

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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Torrington, WY

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ I am so sorry to hear of Russell's passing. He was a great Uncle and was always full of energy and made you laugh. David & I were in Aruba for most of January, so I could not try to attend the funeral. I have many fond memories of our time on the farm growing up and spending the holidays together. He lived a great life. I hope everyone is doing well. Melissa Evans

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**Melissa Evans** - January 29, 2025 at 11:35 AM

LS

“ Lori Stall lit a candle in memory of Russell Shannon



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**Lori Stall** - January 26, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear your loss of Russell! So thankful to have known Joan and him! They were a great couple, now they are together again! He will greatly be miss! Remember your precious memories! Barbara and Joe Peterson

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**Barbara Peterson** - January 25, 2025 at 01:40 PM

DP

“ So sorry to hear about Russell. We enjoyed Russell and Joan at many dances, 4th of July picnics at the Canyon and even a Florida trip!! Many good memories!!

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**Donna Peterson** - January 23, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss.



Jody Dill - January 23, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DH

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. It's a loss for the whole community. My family thought so much of him as a neighbor and as a friend. He always helped out whenever one of us needed to borrow a truck or needed a hand with a cow being out or anything else, he never hesitated. He always had a smile and a hug for me whenever I saw him somewhere. I remember more than one occasion that he pulled me out of a snowbank or out of a mudhole on road 31. He will surely be missed by many of us. I'm so glad I ran into him in town last month and got a few hugs and a wonderful visit with him. I will miss him very much. God bless you all and be with you during this time. Much love to you all.



Debra Hambrick - January 22, 2025 at 06:02 PM

DP

So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed Russell and Joan at dances, 4th of July picnics at the Canyon, and even some trips. Deepest condolences to your family.

Donna Peterson - January 23, 2025 at 03:16 PM

BB

Bob and I send our sincere sympathy and condolences to you all. Russell was a great friend and enjoy to know. God Bless you all!!!

Bob and Margie Baker - January 27, 2025 at 10:52 AM

KW

“ KRISTY K WEGLIN lit a candle in memory of  
Russell Shannon



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**KRISTY K WEGLIN** - January 22, 2025 at 02:39 PM