



Thomas Riggs

June 19, 1945 - January 23, 2018

Funeral services for THOMAS W. RIGGS, 72, will be held at 2pm Monday, January 29, 2018 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Pastor Marty Rostad officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Tom died at his home on January 23, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Memorials may be made to Shriner Children's Hospital. Visitation will be Monday from 10am to noon at the funeral home. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Tom was born June 19, 1945 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska the son of Wayne and Edna (Debrot) Riggs. He grew up along with his sister Sharon on the family farm near Huntley, Wyoming. He graduated from Torrington High School in 1963 and remained close to many friends from this time of his life. On October 5, 1968 he married the love of his life, Cheryl Crossley in Torrington. To this union was born a daughter, Shelly Renae (Scott) Miller and a son, Shawn Thomas (Amie) Riggs. The family lived on the farm until 1990 when they moved to Torrington. Tom enjoyed his time working for the State of Wyoming as a Consumer Protection Inspector. This job took him to many beautiful remote places in Wyoming where he met many fascinating people. Tom was always one to stay busy and after retirement from the state he enjoyed bartending, working on his spraying business with his son Shawn and gardening in any form. His hobbies included country dancing with his wife

Cheryl, traveling with his family and anything that included his grandchildren, including but not limited to tea parties and dress-up games. In his lifetime Tom served as treasurer for the Goshen County Predator Board. He was a member of the Morrill Masonic Lodge, as well as secretary and current president of the Torrington Shrine Club. He also served on the Urban Systems Committee under Mayor Mike Varney. Tom was the president of the True Country dance club for many years. He was an active helper to Cheryl in Beta Sigma Phi and especially enjoyed manning the Corn Crib and being an usher at Ladies Night Out. Tom was a great husband, Dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, cousin and friend that never knew a stranger.

Tom is survived by his wife of forty-nine years, Cheryl; daughter Shelley (Scott) Miller; son Shawn (Amie) Riggs; grandchildren David, Hayden and Ainsley Miller; step-grandchildren Hadden Dykes and Allissa Baker; his sister Sharon King; brothers-in-law Robert (RoseMarie) Crossley and Marvin Schloatman. Tom loved and treasured his many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father and mother Wayne and Edna Riggs; father and mother-in-law Norman and Mary Crossley; brother-in-law Jim King; sister-in-law Betty Schloatman; and infant sons Jeffrey and Joel.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Service

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Wyoming Presbyterian Church
2972 Main St
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2972

Tribute Wall

BL

“ We were shocked to hear about Tom's passing. I always enjoyed visiting with him when he was in the store. Seemed he was always smiling. Mike and I send you our sympathy.



Brenda Lindquist - February 06, 2018 at 03:36 PM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Thomas Riggs



Scherri Hacker - February 03, 2018 at 11:57 PM

RM

“ Robert Melton lit a candle in memory of Thomas Riggs



Robert Melton - February 01, 2018 at 07:15 PM

TM

“ Shelley, so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that he is always with you in your memories. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Tammi

Tammi Marx - January 31, 2018 at 06:06 PM

PC

“ To Cheryl, Shelley, Shawn, and the rest of Tom's family: My sincerest condolences on your loss. Tom was a great man with a big smile and warm handshake. I always enjoyed our visits whenever I could make it to town. I know that Tom is at peace now, and pray for you all during this difficult time.

Phil Clark - January 30, 2018 at 10:04 PM

KW

“ Gwen and I send our condolences to you, Cheryl and your family as well. Tom was a friend to all and was a great help with Gwen's mother across the street from you. Unfortunately Dr.s have a rein on us and we could not attend his service. We send you our very best wishes and our prayers go with you.



Keith and Gwen Whitney - January 29, 2018 at 05:49 PM

DH

“ Cheryl, my heart breaks for you. Tom was a wonderful man and we are all better for knowing him.



DeeAnn Hankins - January 29, 2018 at 01:37 PM