



Vern McMahon

July 5, 1932 - August 15, 2012

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Funeral services for VERN AUGUST MCMAHON, 80, will be held at 2pm Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the Bethel Baptist Church with Pastor Ken Doolin officiating. Burial with military honors by the Wyoming National Guard will follow at the Valley View Cemetery. Vern died August 15, 2012 at the Goshen Care Center. Memorials may be made to Valley Christian School. Visitation will be Monday from 3pm to 7pm at the funeral home and the casket will be closed at the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Vern was born July 5, 1932 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota the son of Verner August and Susanna Marie (Stenvik) McMahon. He grew up in Thief River Falls where he graduated from high school. Vern served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He married LaVonne Emmel on September 19, 1952 in Clearbrook, Minnesota. He completed his undergraduate work at Saint Cloud State University at Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Vern went on to earn his doctorate in Biochemistry at the University of Illinois and then completed a Post Doctoral Fellowship in Biochemistry at the University of California Davis. In 1965 the family moved to Laramie, Wyoming where he taught Biochemistry and did research at the University of Wyoming. In 1983 they moved to Boulder, Colorado where he was a consultant for mining companies. They moved to Torrington, Wyoming in 1995. Vern enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, bike riding, music, and being a choir director. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church,

Gideons International, the American Association of Plant Physiologists, the American Chemical Society, and the Society for Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. He served on the board of directors of the Nation Baptist Conference. Vern is survived by his wife LaVonne of Torrington, Wyoming; a son Mark Wayne McMahan and his wife Donna of Longmont, Colorado; a daughter Patricia Carol Kelly and her husband John of Torrington; two sisters Shirley (Allen) Irvin of Modesto, California and Sonia Weith of St. Paul, Minnesota; and two grandchildren Ryan Vern Kelly and Cameron Mark Kelly of Torrington. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers Bailey, Stanley, and Grant.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Vern and LaVonne are among the dearest friends Barb and I have ever had. We will truly miss Vern, he has meant the world to us; and our son, Todd, in pursuit of his career, was inspired so much by Vern.

LaVonne, Mark and Patty, I wish we could join you on Tuesday, but will be there in our thoughts and prayers.

The Pages

John Page - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ My dear Vern, How I treasured your friendship here on earth. I will treasure it still in this new dimension you are in now. What wonderful times with GCT and the Community Choir. I loved our conversaitons about many a thing. My heart is sad for this release from you, but also assured about where you are. Much, much love and fond memories of you....

Virginia Clark - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ to the McMahan family. We are so sorry for your loss. Our family was touched by Vern's kindness and his dedication to the education of the VCS kids. We can only hope that your pain is eased by knowing how many folks were touched by his warmth and good nature. Thank you for sharing him with us. May God Bless You All.

candy thompson/jordan adkins - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ To the Family of Vern,
I am so sorry for your loss! He was an amazing person and beyond smart. I even recalling him telling me time after time I need to go to bed earlier, get up in the middle of the night and study for an hour or two and then go back to sleep! He had a great personality, I am very sorry for your loss, he will be missed.
Haley Gross

Haley Gross - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Lavonne,
Just met Vern last year. What a special person. His spirituality impressed me as did him coaching me on heart drops. Life is a treasure is it not. Louis

Louis Kuhnel - August 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM