



Wayne Charles Korell

June 29, 1945 - September 30, 2025

WAYNE CHARLES KORELL, 80, of Torrington, Wyoming, passed away on September 30, 2025, in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A public visitation will be held Tuesday October 7th from 9 to 11am at the funeral home and a celebration of life will be held 1pm October 11th at the First Congregational Church with Reverend Matt Gordon officiating. A reception will follow at the Cottonwood Country Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation to support agriculture-related endeavors, honoring Wayne's lifelong passion for farming, ranching, and education or to the First Congregational Church in Torrington to honor his faith. Condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com He was born June 29, 1945, in Torrington, the son of Henry and Rachael (Heckman) Korell. Wayne was a lifelong farmer and rancher in Goshen County. He proudly purchased his first farm in the Rawhide Valley northeast of Lingle, where he built a life rooted in agriculture and community. Known for his strong work ethic, he was proud to be a farmer and rancher, and throughout the challenges of agricultural economics, he remained both creative and innovative. His support of farming and ranching extended well beyond his own operation, as he was always eager to strengthen the future of agriculture in Wyoming. He generously offered advice and help to young farmers, believing deeply in the importance of future generations carrying on the work of the land. Wayne also believed in public service and community involvement. He proudly served as a lobbyist for National Farmers Union and on many boards

including the Wyoming State Board of Agriculture, the Lingle Water Users Association, and Goshen County Economic Development, where he contributed thoughtful leadership and built lasting friendships with those who shared his commitment. In later years, Wayne developed a passion for golf, a sport he found both challenging and, in his own words, “well...challenging” even though he had holes-in-one nineteen days apart. Earlier in life, he played town team basketball and was a skilled fast-pitch softball pitcher. Whatever the sport, his competitive spirit was matched by his ability to make more friends than rivals—though his drive to win was never in doubt. He also enjoyed local history and assembled an impressive collection of arrowheads and artifacts. In 1965, Wayne married Vicki Ruff, and together they had two children, Patrick and Lori. He treasured playing golf and basketball with his son and cherished long conversations with his daughter during country drives, especially in later years. In 1984, he married Beth Johnson, and together they shared a true partnership filled with success, happiness, and devotion in both life and business. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Alan and Robert. He is survived by his wife, Beth; his children Patrick and Lori; his beloved grandchildren, Walker, Madison, and Emma, who brought out his most endearing qualities and filled his later years with joy and laughter; his brother, Gary Korell; sisters, Kathy Rose and her husband Bob; Kayleen Wunder and her husband Dan; sisters-in-law Pat Hayden Korell and Teri Hunt Korell; and many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Celebration of Life

OCT 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

First Congregational Church
2102 East E
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5595

Tribute Wall

LK

“ *Lori Korell lit a candle in memory of Wayne Korell*



Lori Korell - December 07, 2025 at 05:02 PM

TA

“ *Traci Feagler Ackerman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Korell*



Traci Feagler Ackerman - December 03, 2025 at 09:56 PM

TM

“ *Teresa Mainor lit a candle in memory of Wayne Korell*



Teresa Mainor - November 17, 2025 at 10:30 AM



“ *Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Wayne Korell*



Ginger Barthel - October 15, 2025 at 02:37 PM

DR

“ *Deb Rodgers purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wayne Charles Korell.*



Deb Rodgers - October 08, 2025 at 02:47 PM

SD

“ *Sue A Moore Davis lit a candle in memory of Wayne Korell*



Sue A Moore Davis - October 07, 2025 at 12:17 PM

KW

“ *I was so sorry to hear of y cuz passing. My condolences to all the family.*

Karen Wilkes - October 06, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Charles Korell.*

October 06, 2025 at 11:11 AM

WF

“ Wunder family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Wayne Charles Korell.



Wunder family - October 05, 2025 at 09:05 AM

WF

“ Wunder family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wayne Charles Korell.

Wunder family - October 05, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Wayne Charles Korell.

October 04, 2025 at 11:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Wayne Charles Korell.



October 04, 2025 at 11:30 PM

CG

“ *Coastal Veterans Repair Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wayne Charles Korell.*



Coastal Veterans Repair Group - October 04, 2025 at 02:37 PM

CS

“ *With our deepest sympathy, to Beth and family*



Cindy and Mike Swanson - October 04, 2025 at 12:55 PM

JF

“ *Joan Frahm lit a candle in memory of Wayne Charles Korell*



Joan Frahm - October 04, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Lisa Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Wayne Charles Korell*



Lisa Lawrence - October 03, 2025 at 07:35 PM

BH

“ I am so sad to learn of Wayne's death. We were friends from grade school days. I really enjoyed seeing him at reunions and catching up with his activities. I have fond memories of him and fun memories from playing golf with him and Beth. She introduced me to the "fish net" for picking up golf balls!
Bonnie Norman Haase

Bonnie Haase - October 03, 2025 at 01:26 PM

DE

“ *Deb Ehler lit a candle in memory of Wayne Charles Korell*



Deb Ehler - October 03, 2025 at 01:22 PM

DF

Wayne was such a well respected, well spoken, intelligent, articulate man. I wonder how you are Deb? Grateful you lit a candle for Wayne.
Diane Frank, Lander

Diane Frank - October 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM