



Carl Lee

December 1, 1936 - March 3, 2015

A LaPorte family is grieving the loss of their hero. Our beloved husband, Dad, Grandpa, & Great Grandpa, Carl Lee left us on March 3, 2015. He was born December 1, 1936 in Sturgis South Dakota to Bud and Margaret Lee. The family moved to Frasier Colorado for a short time until his Dad bought the 600 Ranch in Stove Prairie in 1943 where they raised cattle and operated a sawmill.

Growing up he had adventures with his brother Dean that most boys only dream about. He graduated from Cache La Poudre High School in 1955, and joined the Navy the following year, realizing after 3 days that he had made a mistake. On September 8, 1958 he married Eloise Williams and they shared a wonderful journey for 56 years.

Carl worked hard from a young age skidding logs down the mountain behind a horse to their sawmill and off-bearing the sawed lumber. Over the years he held various jobs including being Head Herdsman at American Breeders Service. He took over the family ranch in 1977 from his Dad and operated it for 14 years until it sold in 1993.

Carl had a special connection with horses, livestock and children. He was one of the best horsemen God ever created, and was often referred to as the last of the real cowboys. After losing most of his sight and riding a horse was no longer possible, he bought a colt "Little Bit", and broke him to pull his wagons that he built. The two of them were often seen throughout the LaPorte and Bellvue areas.

Carl is survived by his loving wife, Eloise, daughters Lorri (Pat) McGregor, Debbi (Denny) Hodgson and Cindi Lee, all of this area. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren Cody McGregor, Amanda Davis, Tyler, Chad, Austin & Tate Hodgson, and Cassie & Claire Pfeifer; 10 great grandchildren, one brother Billy Lee and countless friends who loved and respected him. Preceding him in death were his parents and brother Dean.

He most loved breaking his colts, riding out to check his cattle in the mountains, elk hunting, the road trips he and Eloise took throughout the U.S., family, friends, and a good cold beer.

This amazing man set the standards for hard work, honesty and love so high that most men cannot even imagine achieving what he was. He never knew a stranger and would do anything for anyone in need. So very, very many friends loved Carl. In his last few weeks he often said "Well, It's been a good ride!"

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice. A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, March 9, 2015 at Wellington Community Church 8445 3rd Street, Wellington followed by a celebration of our hero at the American Legion 2124 CR 54G. Ft. Collins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

Welling Community Church
Wellington, CO

Tribute Wall

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“ *I loved to see Mr. Lee and his beautiful horse and buggy negotiate the streets of LaPorte. He was a real pioneer!! I think I also picked out a couple of Christmas trees up at his ranch in Rist Canyon, He will be missed. Pat Wright*

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