



Chester C. Wahl

July 8, 1916 - May 4, 2010

Chester "Chet" Wahl, 93, was born near the Laramie River in Wyoming on July 8, 1916, to Dora Dawsen Wahl and William Wahl. He passed away quietly on May 3, 2010 in his home. Having retired at the age of 90, Chet had operated a ranch in Owl Canyon since 1976. Before that he was foreman of the Brackenbury Ranch in Larimer County for many years. Chet married Dorothy "Dot" Davis on December 18, 1935. They were married for 58 years and moved to the area in 1950. Between the late 1930s and the 1950s, he farmed and ranched in Wyoming and Colorado and also operated a ranch of his own in Wyoming. As a young man, he worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps at Centennial and for the Works Progress Administration WPA near Guernsey, Wyo. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dot; and daughter, Shirley Channel. He is survived by his loving companion, Marilyn Davies; his son, Daniel Wahl of Cincinnati; his sister, Annabell Gillespie of Laramie; three grandchildren, John Wahl, Vickie Skinn and Debra Collins; four grandchildren, Ryan and Stephanie Griebe, Caitlin and Michael Collins; and two great-grandchildren, Gavin Griebe and Christopher Rivas. Chet was an inspiration to his family and friends and will be remembered as being one of the last, great American cowboys and for his desire to live life to its fullest. He would like to be remembered for his veterinary skills and knowledge of ranching. A viewing and funeral service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, in Fort Collins. The viewing will be from 3 to 6 p.m., on Sunday and the Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday. Interment will follow at

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. A reception for family and friends will be held at the American Legion, 2124 N. US Highway 287, Fort Collins, following the interment. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to the American Heart Association in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

LT

“ I am sorry to hear of Chet passing. I always looked forward to fall when he would call and I would haul his calves to the feedlot. Setting at the sale barn and bidding on calves, he always bought the best calves and not always at the highest price. He was a great "Cowboy" and friend. We will miss him a lot. Larry Thomas

Larry Thomas - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Will miss thinking of you and Marilyn together, Chet. You rest now and watch your cows from up there in the blue. Time goes by, Marilyn but memories will last. Love Phyllis T.

Phyllis Tyndal - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Danny and family: We have fond memories of Chet, branding, moving cattle...and his remedy for a long life was a shot of whiskey in the morning! YEA CHET...it sure did work..

Ted and Lynn K Brown - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ sorry i couldnt be there today danny i would of liked to have seen you and pay my respects. i learned a lot from your dad and would get to visit with him every now and then. Dad said he give you my number give me a call would like to here from you. ron

Ron Nauta - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ I had the privilege to help the family celebrate Chet's 90th birthday and will always remember the friends playing a prank on him delivering on a trailer and old wooden out house. Chet couldn't let a good time pass him by a man of such spirit decided to rest awhile and sat down with the door wide open!! Will miss him and his ways!

Pat Vergara - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Thinking of you Marilyn and Danny and your whole family. I wish for God to wrap you in His arms during this hard time. We love you all! Love, Wendy, John, Mikkhi and Maile

Wendy Sedey - May 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ With sympathies from all of us at Northern Colorado Feeder's Supply. He will be greatly missed.

Dennis Nater - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Saw Chet a couple months ago and all he could talk about was Dan and his grandchildren and how proud of them he was. Was always very supportive of me when I taught at Livermove school, fine old gentleman, enjoyed his friendship and stories. Very sorry for your loss.

meredith kuehl - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Danny, My prayers go out to you and your family. I have fond memories of your dad. Couldn't believe that he was that old, seems to me that your dad was always a true old cowboy. Again my thoughts are with you. Mary Jo Phipps aka Mary Jo Funk

Mary Jo Phipps - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Thinking of you during this time. The Quinn Funk Family Karel Campbell Rhonda George Clark Funk Mary Jo Phipps

Carolyn Funk - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Danny: We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Joel was kind enough to call my Mom and Dad and let them know. Mom and Dad and Joe all asked me to extend their condolences and best wishes. Best regards, Lori Lee Gillespie Booras

Lee Gillespie Booras - May 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of such a wonderful and caring man. Chet has brought such life to so many people, young and old. He touched the Rice family with his laughter, caring words of inspiration and his love of life. Our hearts weep for his friends and family. His spirit will live on in our hearts and prayers.

Tammy and Jim Rice - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM