

Clint Edward Loyd

March 11, 1936 – February 27, 2015

Clint Edward Loyd of Laramie, WY died peacefully on Feb. 27. He was surrounded by his family at Aspen House in Loveland, Colo..

Clint was born in Laramie on March 11, 1936 to William and Marie (Peden) Loyd, and a short time later moved to Hannah where his father worked in the coal mine until the family moved to La Porte, Colo. in 1952. Clint completed high school in La Porte with a small, close knit class who remained his lifelong friends. As a young man, Clint pursued his childhood dream of being a rodeo cowboy, and joined the Rodeo Cowboys Association in 1954, competing in bull riding and bareback riding at several rodeos in the southern and Midwestern U.S. Though his rodeo ambitions were cut short after being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1956, it was rodeo that brought Clint some of his fondest memories and experiences, and many lifelong friendships. Clint always looked forward to catching up with his old friends at his Class Reunion or at the Rodeo Reunion's. One of his last fond memories was attending his 60 year class reunion last summer.

On Aug. 18, 1963, Clint married Marilyn Heckard in Loveland, Colo.. In 1972, the couple decided to move to Wheatland to pursue their love of farming and ranching and raise their children in an environment of strong values and hard work. Years later, with four children to care for, Clint graciously accepted a position with the US Soil Conservation Service in Wheatland. With SCS, Clint was able to fulfill another lifelong dream by making a difference, in helping assist other farmers and ranchers to implement sustainable natural resource projects which benefited or enhanced their production agriculture, whether planting windbreaks/shelterbelts or planning more efficient irrigation systems, Clint loved his work there, and was especially grateful for the friendships he made there.

In 1998, his wife, Marilyn died in a tragic auto accident, and Clint decided to move to Laramie to assist his Aunt Mary, and his Uncles who were still living in Laramie, and continued to raise cattle and a few horses on the Loyd family ranch north of Laramie. There, he met his beloved partner and friend Carol Collier, who remained committed to him through the end of his life. Together they rebuilt much of the fence around the ranch, and managed to raise a herd of Certified Angus cattle that any rancher would be proud to own.

Clint will be remembered as an amazing father, a loving and "funny" grandpa, a loyal husband, and a fun loving and trustworthy friend. He had good friendships with all of his neighbors, and would help anyone with anything they needed, expecting nothing in return. He always tried to live honor-

ably, and taught his children a fundamental belief in the goodness of all people, and to treat others with respect unless they proved otherwise. He was always optimistic, and often wore a huge smile that lit up his eyes. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, even though his jokes were often not that funny.

He loved being a grandfather and shared a unique and special bond with each and every one of his cherished grandchildren. He always looked forward to seeing them, and was incredibly proud of each of their accomplishments. Clint had a genuine unfaltering love of life, and demonstrated his faith in God by helping and caring for others in his community of friends. While living in Wheatland, he was a member of First Christian Church, and served as a deacon and later as an elder on the Board. He also served on the Volunteer Fire Department Board for several years, and was a member and Master of the Rock Lake Grange. He was also one of the founding members, and longtime volunteer leader of the Rock Lake 4-H Club. Clint was honored to be elected as President of the Wyoming Rodeo Association from 1998-1999, and also enjoyed announcing several rodeos to stay connected to his rodeo friends.

Clint was preceded in death by his father, William; mother, Marie; brother, Bill; sister, Bev; and his wife, Marilyn. He is survived by his children Duane (Tambra) Loyd, Colette(Allan) George, Cynthia (Shannon) Day, Chris (Sandy) Loyd; his partner, Carol Collier, his brother Dick (Dixie) Loyd, his amazing grandchildren, Tyler and Savannah Loyd; Mark and Taylor Dingle; Maryn and Dylan Day; Tyne, Preston, and Cauy Loyd, and many other extended family that were incredibly dear to Clint.

His family wishes to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the staff of New Mercer Commons in Ft Collins, Colo. and Aspen House of Loveland where he battled Alzheimer's over the last year of his life.

Clint loved being on a horse and we will honor him and celebrate his life from 12 until 3 p.m. on May 27 at the Platte County Fairgrounds. If you choose, you are welcome to participate in the celebration on horseback. As you know, Clint loved to tell and hear a good story, and we welcome you to share in advance or with the group. Honorary pallbearers are Les Gore, Tim Hoffman, Lee Shoop, Larry Lebsack, Dan Barcus, Red Garretson, Jim Kremers, Pep Spicer, and Russ Austin.

In lieu of flowers/ gifts, donations can be made to the Wyoming Rodeo Association or the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation in his memory or the Alzheimer's Foundation.