

**FRANCIS ALBERT
RICKER**

Born: Sat., Dec. 28, 1929
Died: Mon., Oct. 23, 2017

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Mon., Oct. 30, 2017
Location: Frontier Baptist Church

Graveside Service

3:00 PM Mon., Oct. 30, 2017
Location: Wheatland Cemetery

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Funeral services for Francis Albert Ricker, 87, will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday, October 30, 2017 at the Frontier Baptist Church in Douglas, Wyoming with Pastor Tim Ricker and Missionary Cory Ricker officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, Wyoming at 3:00 P.M. Monday, October 30, 2017.

He went to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on Monday morning, October 30, 2017 at the Douglas Care Center following a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Francis was born Saturday, December 28, 1929 in Anthony, Kansas the oldest of ten children to William James "Ponder" and Ethel Jane (Thomas) Ricker.

Francis married Dorothy Selby in 1952 and to that union was born two sons. He attended Bible College in Springfield, Missouri and then pastored Baptist churches in Kansas and Colorado for many years. Along the way Francis worked on ranches and thoroughly enjoyed the Cowboy Way of life for fifty plus years and considered himself to be an "Old Time Cowboy" and was one of the best. He was also a born again Christian who left a Godly influence on many people.

He retired in Douglas and his interest then was the property he and Dorothy purchased north of town. He worked on the house and added on to it and upgraded the place. He did some "day work" for people around this area and also worked on the Frontier Baptist Church building. They sold their property and moved into town and got to enjoy a new home for some time.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dorothy Ricker, of Douglas; sons, Timothy B. (Lana Gayle) Ricker of Douglas and Curtis T. (Carol Jean) Ricker of Evans, Colorado; siblings, Wanda Bell Bollman of Wakita, Oklahoma, Joyce Elaine Knutson of Centennial, Colorado, Donna June Hamma of Hutchinson, Kansas, Gary Max Ricker of Scotts City, Kansas, Larry Gene Ricker of El Dorado, Kansas, John Wesley Ricker of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, and Rita Carol Foss of Nixa, Missouri; 11 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Stanley Thomas Ricker and Billy Wayne Ricker. A memorial to the Frontier Baptist Church, 2345 East Richards Street, Douglas, Wyoming 82633 would be appreciated by the family.

Serving as pallbearers will be Cory Ricker, Ryan Ricker, Woody Ricker, Dusty Ricker, Nathan Ricker, Brian Ricker, Josh Ricker, and Cody Ricker.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Ben Wurmsmith, Pat Neison, Andy Anderson, Alan Cook, Charlie Wright, and Henry Layher.

The Gorman Funeral Homes – Converse Chapel of Douglas, Wyoming is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com