

# Clayton Eldon Rietz

February 11, 1942 – September 21, 2010

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Funeral services for Clayton Eldon Rietz, 68, were held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the First Christian Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Pastor Delbert Dick officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery with Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16 AF & AM conducting graveside rites.

Clayton Rietz died Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at his winter home in Truth or Consequence, New Mexico.

He was born February 11, 1942 in Wheatland, Wyoming the son of Phillip E. and Francel Lourberta (Irvine) Rietz.

He was raised on the family ranch and attended country school. In 1960 he graduated from Wheatland High School, Grahms Herdsman School, and Western Auctioneering College.

He married Linda Kay Howard on July 14, 1964. Together they raised four children on the ranch, Sarah Bee, Cory, LaRay, and Jamie.

In the mid70's Clayton and Denzil Cochran started R&C Auction Service. After suffering a massive heart attack he was forced to retire from his store and auction business of over 40 years. After retiring, Clayton and Linda wintered in Truth or Consequence.

He always enjoyed a good game of card and dominoes. He loved spending time with his family, cooking, woodworking, genealogy, his-

tory, old western movies, and music. He was a life member and Past master of the Wheatland Masonic Lodge #16 and a Past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star Chapter #11.

He was preceded in death by his father, Phillip, on August 26, 1991; his mother, Francel, on August 2, 2005; and an infant brother.

He was survived by his wife, Linda, of Wheatland; four children, Sarah Bee (Jay) Harris of Parker, Arizona, Cory (Gwendy) Rietz of Casper, Wyoming, LaRay Owens of Douglas, Wyoming, and Jamie (Kristi) Rietz of Wheatland; nine grandchildren, Morgan, Hanna, and Colten Chandler, Dillon, Dalton, and Jed Rietz, Brittony Rietz, Danielle Zitterdopf, and Torey Hartshorn; two great grandchildren, Gabby Hinkley and Laken Chandler; and sister, Clara Powers and children.

Serving as pallbearers were Colten Chandler, Jed Rietz, Dalton Rietz, Dillon Rietz, Daniel Harnish, and Allen Cochran. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Tony Ortega, Tony Fuller, James Detrick, Milton Small, Jim Davison, Denzil Cochran, and Sumner Shockley.

A memorial to the Shriners Hospital For Children, Virginia Street at Fairfax, Salt Lake City, Utah 84103 would be appreciated by the family.

The Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.

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