



Bill W. Poage

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TORRINGTON- Funeral services for Bill W. Poage, 84, will be held Tuesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, with Pastor Deb Olenyik officiating. Visitation will be held at the Coyler Funeral home on Monday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Interment will follow in Valley View Cemetery.

He died April 25, 2003 at the Community Hospital after a long battle with lung cancer.

A lifelong resident of Goshen County, he was born in 1918 in Torrington. He graduated from Torrington High School in 1937. In the 1940s, he farmed and ranched in the Yoder area with his first wife Eva Mae and only son, Jim.

In the 1950s, he bought a ranch on Fox Creek near LaGrange. He also built a cattle feeder operation and was on the Board of the First National Bank in Torrington for 20 years, many of those years as chairman. He also had ranches in Jay Em and north of Torrington. He bought, sold and fed thousands of cattle throughout the area.

In 1977, he married Marge Haines. He was a member of the Soil Conservation Board, the Wyoming State Fair Board, the Cattleman's Association, Cutting Horse Association, Bankers Association and many other organizations.

He loved being a cowboy, cattle, team roping, gambling, and his family. He also enjoyed working with young people, teaching them how to be cowboys.

Survivors include his wife Marge of Torrington; his son Jim of Texas; stepson, Roxy Haines of Denver; two grandchildren; eight cousins; seven nieces; and seven nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Leonore Henby; and his horse, Pete.