

GOERTZ, JACOB  
November 25, 1921-May 8, 2009

A funeral service for Jacob Goertz, 87, was conducted Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at the United Church of Christ in Wheatland, Wyoming with Reverend Delbert Dick and Reverend Jane Willis officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

He died May 8, 2009, in the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland.

Jacob was born November 25, 1921, in Wheatland, son of Cornelius and Lena (Ratzloff) Goertz. He was reared and educated on the Slater Flats south of Wheatland, and graduated from the Wheatland High School in 1942. Following graduation, he joined the Army Air Corp during World War II obtaining the rank of sergeant. After returning from the service, he began his career of farming in the Slater community.

He married Anabel Mers on September 24, 1946, in Billings, Montana. Jacob and Anabel became winter Texans in 1983 spending their winters in Pharr, Texas.

Special interests of Jacob were flying as a private pilot, square dancing, playing cards and watching his great grandchildren play.

The Platte County Resource District awarded him the Outstanding Cooperator for accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water and related resources in 1992. He was a member of the American Missionary Fellowship in Slater.

Survivors include his four children: Linda Tauger of Wheatland, Rex Goetz (Cheryl) Goertz of Fort Worth, Texas, Gregor (Cindy) Goertz of Wheatland, and Melody Matteson (Mark) of Saratoga, Wyoming; a sister, Bernetta Ogle of Burns, Wyoming; twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his special caregivers: Thelma Kindervater, Cindy Schilreff and Richard Bohm.

He was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Kathryn Goertz; wife, Anabel on February 24, 2005; four brothers and four sisters.

Serving as pallbearers were Stefan Tauger, Taylor Goertz, Jason Goertz, Bill Johnson, Matthew Goertz and Trevor Goertz. Honorary pallbearers were RaeAnn Patton, Gwen Johnson, Nichole Mallatt, Tori Goertz, Josh Matteson, Casey Matteson, and all of his many friends.

Memorials to Platte County Relay for Life would be appreciated by the family.

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