



John Copeland

July 6, 1930 - January 8, 2004

John V. Copeland Jr., age 73, died Wednesday, December 31, 2003 at the Glendive Medical Center. Family and friends of John are invited to attend a viewing at the Chapel of the Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home in Glendive on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Thursday, January 8, 2004 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Glendive with Bishop Norman McDowell officiating. Interment with military honors will be in the Dawson County Cemetery in Glendive. Silvernale-Silha Funeral Home of Glendive is entrusted with arrangements. John was born in Sasakwa, Oklahoma on July 6, 1930 to John Virgil Copeland and Luella Hancock Copeland. He and his family moved to farm in Breen, Colorado when John was very young. In August 1950 John left college to enlist in the U.S. Army to serve in Korea. He received several commendations while serving with B Company 15th Regiment Third Infantry Division and was most honored to receive the Purple Heart on February 4, 1952. After being honorably discharged in August of 1953 John worked in the New Mexico oilfields where he met and married the love of his life Patty Sue Paris. They were married on May 22, 1955 in Lovington, New Mexico and shared 48 years of life and love. In May of 1991, John and Patty were sealed for all time and eternity in the LDS Manti Temple. John spent many years ranching in the beautiful Animas Valley in Durango, Colorado and worked more than 20 years with City Market as an Assistant Manager in Moab, Utah and Cortez, Colorado. John is survived by his wife of Glendive and five

children Jenny Bowen of Kirtland, New Mexico, Iley Copeland of Orem, Utah, Maggie Copeland of Glendive, Donna King of Cortez, Colorado and Colleena McCullough of Columbia Falls, Montana. He is also survived by the grandchildren he loved so dearly Misty Dschaak, Corey Bowen, Randall Bowen, Kim, Iley, Brad, Cassie and Jason Copeland, Genevie Echols, Jeremy and Jacob Lloyd and four great grandsons Gabe and Kaleb Dschaak, Kaleb Echols and Ryan Bowen. John is also survived by his only brother Iley Walston of Lubec, Maine and Brother and Sister-in-law, Sam and Gloria Paris of Pearland, Texas; several nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents, parents-in-law, one brother-in-law, one son-in-law and Great Grandson Kaden Echols all of whom he joins in Heaven. John was lured to Glendive by his love of anything outdoors and especially rock hounding in Dawson County. He will be missed by his many friends in Durango and Cortez Colorado, Moab, Utah, Kirtland, New Mexico and his final resting place Glendive, Montana.

Tribute Wall



“ *John Copeland*

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