

Dan Epperson
05/22/1943-7/13/2024

Dan Epperson, 81, of Newcastle, Wyoming peacefully passed away surrounded by family on July 13, 2024, at Weston County Health Services. Born on May 22, 1943, in Fairbury, Illinois, Dan lived a full life of love, laughter, and many adventures. A 1961 graduate of Gordon High School, Gordon, NE, Dan married his high school sweetheart, Vanita Saxton, on December 15, 1962. Dan was always on the search for knowledge and found that he enjoyed the wide range of skills he obtained by job jumping in different career fields. He was an avid hunter and shooting sport enthusiast, especially muzzleloaders and black powder cartridge firearms. He helped establish several shooting organizations: Muzzleloaders of the Black Hills, Tubbs Town Muzzleloaders, Wyoming State Muzzleloading Association and the Weston County Sportsman's Club. He was a life-long member of the National Rifle Association and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Dan was also active in the community: he was a member of the United States Jaycees, was Executive Director of the Weston County Economic Development Board, served a one-year term as International President of the CANAM International Highway Association, and was instrumental in founding, developing, and securing funding for the Cambria Improvement and Service District. Dan is survived by his wife, Vanita; daughters Tami (Bob) Thaler of Newcastle, WY, Danita Stanton of Grand Island, NE, and son Richard Epperson of Newcastle, WY; brother Gary (Doris) Epperson of Rockport, TX; four grandchildren: Jeralynn (Brian) Moser of Mason City, NE, Jake Thaler of Laramie, WY, Brittney (Jimmy) Thyarks of Cheyenne, WY, and Hope Stanton of Shelton, NE; great grandchildren Kaia, Adelaide, Emerson, Colby and Mo; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, in-laws, and friends. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Frances Epperson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Hugh and Hope Saxton. Services will be held July 19, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Newcastle, WY: viewing at 10:00 am and service at 11:00 am with lunch following in the fellowship hall. A graveside service will be held at the Cemetery in Gordon, NE on July 20, 2024, at 9:00 am with a gathering at the Presbyterian Church following. To honor Dan, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to local libraries, Upton Young Guns, or the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

A portrait of Dan Epperson, an elderly man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark vest over a light-colored shirt. He is smiling slightly. The portrait is set against a background of a mountain range under a cloudy sky.

In
LOVING MEMORY

Dan Epperson
MAY 22, 1943— JULY 13, 2024

*For those I love...
For those who love me.*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must,
Let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on,
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me I'll be near,
If you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and say "Welcome Home."*



Visitation

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church
Newcastle, Wyoming

Funeral Service

11:00 a.m. Friday, July 19, 2024
First United Methodist Church
Newcastle, Wyoming

Officiants

Pastor Ron Sample
Pastor Calvin Hill

Pallbearers

Bob Thaler	Tanner Saxton
Jake Thaler	Jamie Saxton
Jimmy Thyarks	Luke Epperson

Honorary Pallbearers

All family and friends

Music

"Hymn of Promise"
"You Raise Me Up"

Interment

Gordon Cemetery, Gordon, NE
9:00 a.m., Saturday, July 20, 2024
Refreshments will be served following the interment.

*The family invites you to a luncheon provided by the
Methodist Women following the funeral service.*