



Thomas Lee Bottom

April 10, 1930 - May 29, 2013

Thomas Lee Bottom, age 83 of Laramie, Wyoming died May 29th in Loveland, CO after suffering a fall at his home. In celebration of Tom's life two special events are planned. Please help family and friends honor Tom at either one or both casual events beginning at us at 10:30 AM Saturday, June 15th at Church at the Wyoming Territorial Park, 975 Snowy Range Road in Laramie, Wyoming then at 12:30 PM that same day, a Video/Memorial and Celebration of Tom's Life will be followed by a meal & fellowship at the Eppson Center for Seniors, 1560 North Third Street, Laramie Wyoming

Work, family, new britches; gun, rod and a new hat; good friends and faithful pets, who needs more than that.

Long-time Albany County rancher, water commissioner, inventor, entrepreneur, business owner, dad, grandfather, great-grandfather, Thomas Bottom, (Sr.) has gone fishing forever.

Born in 1930 at a small ranch house north of Rock River, Thomas, known as "Tom" by his family and friends, worked on and owned a 3000 acre ranch for 35 years. While in town one day, he saw a beautiful lady by the name of Marvel Runnels and said, "I'm going to marry that woman". And so he did and proceeded to have four children; three girls and one boy.

In 1965, Tom moved his family to Laramie, Wyoming, where he became Deputy Water Commissioner for Albany County. For 23 years, Tom roamed Albany County and the Wheatland area, regulating water for the ranchers and farmers of the Great Plains. While working for the county, he built and

developed Bottom's Mobile Home Park in West Laramie.

Tom was an avid hunter, guide and fisherman and was known by many as the 'King' fisherman. Wyoming sports were his passion, especially his beloved Girls basketball team. Tom was known by all as a hard worker and passionate man. He was the kind of man who treated you like you wanted to be treated, and had an individual connection with everyone he met.

Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Leann and great-granddaughter, Suheyyla Akdeniz; his parents, Ray and Mary Bottom; his father and mother in law, Shep and Velma Runnells; and siblings, Lyla Emerson, Jess, John, Bill and Roy Bottom. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 62 years, Marvel, his sister, Dorothy Masterson, three children, Cindy (and John) Roccaforte of Fort Collins, Thomas Bottom, Jr (and Janee) of West Jordan, Utah and Margie (and Curt) Schurman of Aplington, Iowa, a son-in-law, Bill Jussila (Leann's husband) of Laramie, nine grandchildren, Christy (Chad) Mestel, Justin (April) Brolyer, Brian Jussila, Amy (Halil) Akdeniz, Erik (Robyn) Jussila, T.J. (Karen) Bottom, Taylor Bottom, Shauna Schurman and Kendra (Chris) Mosman; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Wyoming Territorial Prison
975 Snowy Range Road
Laramie, WY 82070

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Lee Bottom*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Marvel,*

Even though I was just a kid at the time, I remember how much in love you two seemed to be at your wedding reception at your folks' house in Rock River.

Please accept the sympathy and condolences from my family.

Tim N. Taylor (son of Chuck & Ruth Taylor)

Tim Taylor - June 10, 2013 at 12:53 PM

BB

“ When my family and I moved to Bottom's mobiler Home Park , Thomas was the first to lend a hand as our trailer arrived , As I worked @ Wal- Mart Tom was the best,and became a friend who I counted on . His answers were always welcomed ,and the coffee was always great as we sat in under the crab apple tree on Saturdays as he walked the park and toted brandy his beloved dog for her daily walk.
As I worked in the park ,and fixed a trailer for my daughter ,He came on a minutes notice when I had a leaky pipe, He taught me to be more patient in my projects and be dilligentwhen it came to water and plumbing..
I will always remember Tom, And as I sit on my porch under the crab apple tree and watch for the Golf cart as It rumbled in front of the Trailer.
Bob & Rhonda Boyd

Bob Boyd - June 09, 2013 at 09:07 PM

J(

“ Joni Duran (Crouse) lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom



Joni Duran (Crouse) - June 06, 2013 at 08:25 AM

J(

I'm so sorry for your loss Marge and family - I wish I'd have met your dad, he'll always be with you

Joni Duran (Crouse) - June 06, 2013 at 08:26 AM

 Shawn
Hime

“ I lived in Tom's trailer park for a while. It was always great to see him. He was a great conversationalist and had some great stories! He would always check to make sure our heat tape was plugged in and working good so that our pipes didn't freeze. He's a great man that will be missed.

Shawn Hime - June 04, 2013 at 10:39 AM

TD

“ So sorry to hear about Tom. Jimmy and I adored this kind, caring man and loved his jokes and funny stories! Hugs to Marge, Granny and the rest of the family. Jimmy & Terri (Mangan) Dawson

Terri Dawson - June 04, 2013 at 12:32 AM

TJ

“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

Thomas Bottom Jr - June 03, 2013 at 08:40 PM

AM

Uncle Tom, Thanks for sharing this video. The Christmas tree story reminded me how Grandpa and our family would go up to the mountains to cut down our Christmas trees. Grandpa would always let us kids pick out the smallest, saddest looking "Charlie Brown" tree. He would have us kids knock on the door when we got home and tell Granny this was her Christmas tree - while he hid around the corner out of sight with her big, beautiful bushy tree :). Granny would start hollering for Grandpa wanting to know what he was up to - us kids would find it wildly funny - then Grandpa would come around the corner with the big, beautiful tree he had picked for her. Grandpa was always finding ways to make us kids laugh :)

Amy - June 11, 2013 at 11:59 AM

CS

“ Bill, Madisen, Mackenzie and I (Carlen) lived next door to the Bottoms for almost 9 years. They were better neighbors and friends than we deserved. My heart is broken at the knowledge that this incredible, sweet, generous, and loving man is no longer with us. But I will keep the happy memories close to my heart. Like when he brought Madisen back (she was 3 maybe) and asked if we were missing anyone. Apparently she had climbed the fence, and crawled thru the dog door because she wanted to say "hi"! If he caught wind that Bill was trying to fix something around the house, you could guarantee he would be by shortly, usually with just the tool Bill needed and the right advice to get the job done. Tom, you will be greatly missed by all that knew you. Prayers go out to Tom's wife and children.



Carlen Smith - June 02, 2013 at 09:11 PM

RG

“ I lived in Tom's trailer court a while. We would often visit and tell stories. My favorite was the one he told about the pet Badger. I still live in West Laramie and over the years I would often see him. He always smiled and waved. Lovable guy with a twinkle in his eye. I can't believe he is gone. It is people like Tom that make Laramie special. Thanks Tom for being you.



Ron Glaser - June 02, 2013 at 05:05 AM

Rhonda
Boyd

“ *The Boyd family sends a hug to Marvel*



Rhonda Boyd - June 01, 2013 at 04:13 PM

Rhonda
Boyd

“ *Rhonda Boyd lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Lee Bottom*



Rhonda Boyd - June 01, 2013 at 04:05 PM

AF

“ *Amber And Rex Ferguson lit a candle in
memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



Amber and Rex Ferguson - June 01, 2013 at 03:06 PM

BH

“ *Bill & Karen Hamilton lit a candle in memory
of Thomas Lee Bottom*



Bill & Karen Hamilton - June 01, 2013 at 02:53 PM

KR

“ *Kyla And Mike Reed lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



Kyla and Mike Reed - June 01, 2013 at 12:45 PM

SH

“ *Sally Warren Hicks lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



Sally Warren Hicks - June 01, 2013 at 11:49 AM

TC

“ *The Crozier's lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



The Crozier's - June 01, 2013 at 11:21 AM

TF

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TF

“ *The Crozier Family lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



The Crozier Family - June 01, 2013 at 11:20 AM

TJ

“ *11 files added to the album Tom Bottom*



Tom Bottom Jr. - June 01, 2013 at 09:56 AM

SC

“ *Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Thomas Lee Bottom*



Sharon Cole - June 01, 2013 at 07:24 AM