

Richard (Dick) Eugene Morgan was born November 25, 1933, in Gillette, Wyoming to parents Alfreda Myrle (Deaver) and Norvin Dwight (N.D.) Morgan, and passed away June 12, 2025, at his home south of Gillette, Wyoming surrounded by his children. Dick, also referred to by many of his friends as "Red", was the 11th of 15 children. While growing up on the family ranch 17 miles south of Gillette, he started herding sheep at a young age with his brother Don. While attending Campbell County High School, he played basketball and graduated in 1953. Dick met his future wife, Patricia (Pat) Freese in Story, Wyoming. They were united in marriage on February 13, 1954, in Sheridan, Wyoming and lived the first year of marriage in a sheep wagon. Dick and Pat had eight children – Cheryl, Colette, Farren, Cynthia, Clayton, Jeffrey, Pamela, and Brian. Pat was a devout Christian and loved her husband dearly. When possible, she would attend church with their children and spent time with the children on her knees praying for his salvation. In February of 1982, Dick and Pat were in an auto accident. Immediately after waking up from surgery, Dick knew he shouldn't have survived the wreck, that God had intervened and had given him a second chance. He became a different man and shared God's word, the Bible, and Christ's love every chance that he got. In the fall of 1983, Pat died in an auto accident. Dick was a loving and dedicated husband, remaining faithful to her memory the rest of his days. He got through the first years after losing Pat by continuing to read God's word, spending time in prayer, along with the Lord providing the love of many family members and friends. Dick was a one-of-a-kind father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, friend and neighbor, always willing to give the last of what he had to those in need. He was a gifted mechanic, welder, butcher, carpenter, and farmer/rancher. In the late 1960s/early 70's, he began working for Durham Buffalo Ranch and later became the ranch manager. He continued raising sheep/cattle and driving tractor on the family ranch through the age of 89. He enjoyed hunting with his friends and family, gardening, playing cards, reading and telling others how God has shown him grace and mercy in his life. He spent numerous mornings at Lula Belles Cafe in Gillette, or at cafes in Wright, visiting with his many friends. He looked forward to spending time during the summer at the family cabin in Story, Wyoming where many hours of the game of golf(cards) were played. Sundays when he became unable to attend church, he enjoyed watching David Jeremiah, Hal Lindsay, Charles Stanley, Molly B Polka and Trains/Locomotives on RFD tv. During the last several months of his life, he could often be heard saying Pat's name and telling her how much he missed her. He looked forward to joining her with his Lord and Savior, Jesus, in Heaven. Preceding him in death was his wife and parents, siblings; Darlene, Lyla, Harriette, Jim, Bill, Jr., John, Janet, Jane, Don, Joanne, Patti, Marshall, and Mary; father-in-law William Freese, Mother-in-law, Myrle Freese, sisters-in-law, Shirley, Gene, Irene, Beverly, Brothers-in-law Bill, Bob, Gordon, granddaughter-Alyssa, grandsons-Levi and Justin, great-grandson Dodge, Son-in-law Hank and several nieces and nephews. Survived by his children; Cheryl (Rod) Howlett, Minatare, NE – children Lesley, Matthew (Christine); Colette (John) Crone, Laurel, MT – children Jackie(Andy) Hoefler, Stacey(Ben)Christ, Cindy(Ben)Allen, Tony, Jaime (Megan), Jessica (Colton), Zach (Shylo), Step-children Josh Ruiz, Saleena(Cameron)Jones; Farren (Sherry) Morgan, Gillette, WY – children Jonathan (Kellee), Dani (Ryan); Cynthia Myrice, Schaller, IA – children Nathan (Ella), Emily; Clayton (Julie) Morgan, Lemmon, SD – children Ashley, Arika (Rob), Timothy (Rebekah); Jeffrey (Becky) Morgan, Gillette, WY – children Ryan, Shellbie; Pamela (Shane) Bivens, Gillette, WY – son Patrick (Tandi), Drew(Jessica)Hostetter; Brian (Dawn) Morgan, Gillette, WY – children Patricia, Rebecca (Scott), Wally (Kayla), Danny (Mariah), David (Madison), Ruth; also numerous nieces and nephews, several great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren all of whom he loved very much. Condolences can be sent to Morgan Family 8569 C Hwy 59 S, Gillette, WY 82718, and may also be expressed at www.gillette memorialchapel.com

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**RICHARD
MORGAN**



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- John 3:16-

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Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Funeral Service
11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 19, 2025
Wright Baptist Church

Officiant
Deacon Jim Thompson
Steve Clemetson

Soloist
Ellyanna Jacobsen

Music
"How Great Thou Art"
"That's My Job"
"In the Garden"

Pallbearers
Lesley Howlett - Matthew Howlett - Josh Ruiz
Tony Morgan - Jaime Ruiz - Zach Crone
Jonathan Morgan - Nathan Myrice - Timothy Morgan
Ryan Nelson - Drew Hostetter - Patrick Bivens
Wally Morgan - Danny Morgan - David Morgan
Levi Morgan - Justin Case

Honorary Pallbearers
Mick Okray - Donny Percifield - Dean Trembath
Mike Lemke - Hap Stuart - Steve Clemetson
Ilo Harris - Vern Fortak
Jim Thompson - Jimmy Stuart

Interment
Mount Pisgah Cemetery
Gillette, Wyoming

The family extends an invitation to a reception & time of fellowship following the service.



Rita Mashak Tara Aanonson
Funeral Service-Monuments-
Advance Planning-Cremation-
Lending Library. Learning to say
goodbye; children's tour.



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