Morris Iler Francis, 83, of Greeley, Colorado, formerly of Eaton, passed away on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.

He was born on April 22, 1943, in Greeley to Charles William and Hazel Viola (Morris) Francis. Morris attended Greeley schools, graduating from Greeley High School in 1961. He then attended the National School of Meat Cutting, receiving his certificate in 1965.

Over the years, Morris worked multiple jobs, giving his best to each one. He first took a job at Swift & Co Meat Packing Plant in Grand Island, Nebraska. Later, after moving to Eaton, he worked as a Service Manager for Ted Nieters Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Greeley. Most recently, he worked for Meadow Gold Dairy in Greeley, retiring after 26 dedicated years. Wherever he was, Morris always took pride in his work.

Morris married Kay E. Pappenheim on May 2, 2009, in Eaton, Colorado. Their union joined two families as one. Morris was a longtime resident of Eaton. He had been a proud member of the Evangelical Free Church of Eaton for over 50 years. In November of 2014, he and Kay moved to Greeley, where he remained until his passing.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Hazel Francis; siblings, Charlene, Jimmy, Bessie Mae, Betty Jean, and Linda; and his first wife, Bonnie (Whitaker) Francis.

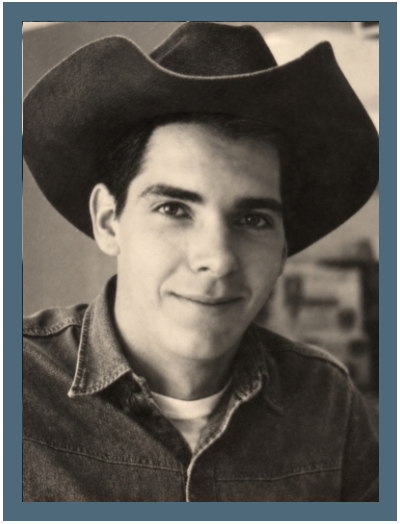
Morris is survived by his wife, Kay Francis of Greeley; his sons, Gregory Francis of South Bend, IN, and Mark Pappenheim of Rawlins, WY; his daughters, Amelia Erdogan of Windsor, CO, and Katheryn Francis-Rotella of Anna, TX; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and many beloved extended family members and friends.

Celebrating THE *Life* OF

Morris Iler Francis

April 22, 1943 - October 21, 2026





The Last Ride

The road was long, the miles were many,
With songs and stories along the way.
He traveled life with a heart full of memories,
And treasures gathered from yesterday.

Now the engine rests, the music softens,
And evening paints the western sky.
But love lives on beyond the sunset,
For true goodbyes are never goodbye.

So when an old song fills the silence,
Or a classic car goes rolling by,
Remember him with love and laughter,
And know his spirit's riding high.

In Loving Memory of

Morris Iler Francis

April 22, 1943 ~ October 21, 2026

Memorial Service
11:00 a.m. Monday, October 26, 2026
Evangelical Free Church of Eaton
Eaton, Colorado

Officiating
Rev. Craig Kirkpatrick
Evangelical Free Church of Eaton

Eulogy
Thoughts and Memories from the Family

Tribute Video
Special Photo Memories of Morris's Life

Special Music
"Route 66" – Asleep at the Wheel
"Happy Trails" – Sons of the Pioneers

Honorary Pallbearers
Gregory Francis Mark Pappenheim Roman Briggs
Riley Barth Rob Rotella Jay Mitchell Steve Whitaker

Final Resting Place
To be Held at a Later Date
Eaton Cemetery

Family and friends are invited to remain at the church for a light meal and fellowship immediately following the services for Morris.