



## Charles Rider

April 19, 1923 - December 1, 2010

Funeral Services for Mr. Charles Rider will be conducted Sunday at 3PM in Williams Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Beverly McLaren, Rev. Harold McLaren, and Rev. Tim Tanner officiating.

The family will be at the funeral home from 2:00 until the service hour to receive friends.

Burial will be in Montrose, Colorado at Grand View Cemetery after a service at Crippin Funeral Home on Thursday, December 9, 2010. The family will receive friends at Crippin Funeral Home from 1:00 until 2:00.

Mr. Rider was born on April 19, 1923 in San Acacio, Colorado. He was the ninth child born to John and Margaret Rider. He attended schools in Grand Junction, Colorado. He served in the Navy in WW2 on the USS Eagle 57. He is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Fern Butterfield Rider. Mr. Rider was a member of New Hope Worship Center in Milledgeville, pastored by his niece, Rev. Beverly McLaren.

Charles and Fern began married life on a farm in Fruita and later moved to Grand Junction. After many years in Grand Junction, they spent ten years in Montrose before moving to Delta where they made their home until Fern's death.

Mr. Rider was a trucker who hauled freight to Montgomery Wards in Grand Junction and there met Fern. He worked for Litton Mayflower and eventually he and Fern founded Western Transfer North American Van Lines, which they owned and operated for many years.

Mr. Rider was a farmer at heart and always kept livestock of some kind. His neighbors received the bounty from his wonderful garden until he was in his 80's. He loved fishing and picnics. He enjoyed westerns, WWII movies, checkers and card games. Mostly, Charles loved life; even as his health declined and life became more difficult, Charles embraced every opportunity to connect with family and friends. He will be missed and remembered by many.

Mr. Rider is survived by his sister, Irene (Fred) Ligrani and 2 brothers, Bob and Jack Rider, all of Grand Junction. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Arlene McLaren, of Milledgeville, Ga. and brother-in-law Bill Butterfield (Phyllis) of Olathe. A number of nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews also survive.

# Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts & prayers are with your family .... May God give you peace & comfort daily.##imported-begin##Jackie White##imported-end##

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“ I will miss his smile and outgoing nature. I have fond memories of them as a child. Playing in that Mayflower Truck when they were in GA. Chasing Sheep and Pigs on their Farm in Grand Junction. I did not get to see them often, but they help create some fun times as a child! THANK YOU!##imported-begin##David McLaren##imported-end##

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“ Beverly & Sis. McLaren, our prayers and condolences go out to you and your family. Although we only recently had the privilege of meeting "Uncle Charlie", we know he was loved and will be tremendously missed by you all.

With love and deep sympathies,  
Gary & Joan##imported-begin##Gary & Joan Oxford##imported-end##

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“ I love you, Uncle Charlie! I'm glad you were with me these last few years and it was a joy to have you in New Hope with us. But I'm so glad you are not hurting anymore and with Aunt Ferne. I'm missing you already.##imported-begin##Beverly McLaren##imported-end##

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“ Uncle Charley will sure be missed. He was such an inspiration to everyone that knew him. He was such a fighter to go and do even though he was in such pain and poor health. He loved his church and church family and we all loved him but we know that he is once again reunited with his beloved wife, Fernie, and for that we rejoice.##imported-begin##Susan##imported-end##

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