



## Weslie Stratman

March 6, 1935 - November 5, 2019

Weslie and Donna (Tupper) Stratman of Pueblo County, parents to six children, passed away at age 84 on November 5 and 6, 2019. The two were born near Wilcox, NE in 1935; Wes on March 6 to John and Ruth Stratman, and Donna on July 15 to Clifford and Marie Tupper. Donna and Wes were high school sweethearts and married at Pleasant View Christian Church in Wilcox on June 15, 1957, shortly after Donna graduated from the University of Nebraska. The couple raised their growing family in Kearney, NE, followed by Lamar, CO, before settling in Pueblo, CO in 1973. Donna was a life-long educator and avid reader; she taught home economics in Wilcox and was the preschool director at Central Christian Preschool in Pueblo for over 20 years. Wes was a “tractor man”; he spent 12 years with the Brodine Tractor Company in Kearney, NE, 3 as a territory manager for Hesston Corporation, and operated Hiland Implement in Pueblo for 20 years. A connoisseur of antique tools and farm equipment, he also served as superintendent of the Colorado State Fair Antique Equipment Display for 24 years. In their retirement, Donna and Wes enjoyed traveling to antique farm shows and spending time with their 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 1 1916 Minneapolis-Moline steam engine. Wes and Donna are survived by their six children, Valerie Gorton, of Longmont, CO, Loreli Stratman of Aurora, CO, Steve Stratman (Laurie), of Pueblo, CO, Gary Stratman (Debbie), of Greeley, CO, Trent Stratman (Tammie), of Kearney, NE; and Teresa Osmanski (Duane) of Kearney, NE. A service will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, November 9, 2019

at Central Christian Church. Donations can be made to Central Christian Church, where they were members since 1973, Front Range Antique Power Association, or the Avondale Vineland Lions Club. Online condolences can be made at [roselawnpueblo.org](http://roselawnpueblo.org).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 9. 1:00 PM (MT)

Central Christian Church  
1902 Hudson  
Pueblo, CO 81001

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Valerie, Loreli (Lollie), Steve, Gary, Trent and Teresa ~  
Your parents meant a lot to my parents, Kermit and Ruby Wilke as well as to us children. We enjoyed the times they got us all together to share different activities. I thought they were really "cool" because they had gotten you that pin ball machine that we got to play when we visited you in Kearney. They were both really special people and I have been blessed to have them as part of my life.  
May God bless you with fond memories now and in the days ahead; shared between all of you and your family and friends.



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**Cyndy (Wilke) Wieland** - November 18, 2019 at 02:13 AM

KW

“ Wes and Donna will be greatly missed. Their home was one of our winter stops when we head out looking for warmer places. My first paying job out of high school (1952) was with Weslie's dad, John, at his welding shop in Wilcox, NE. Kermit & Ruby Wilke

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**Kermit Wilke** - November 09, 2019 at 06:15 PM

TG

“ The Yesteryear Farm Show has lost two very dear friends. Wes would travel with his trailer full of "goodies" from Pueblo up to Longmont every year to share them with us. We in turn would try to "stump" him with odd items that one of us or our exhibitors had found and couldn't identify. We couldn't do it! Wes would look at the item for a moment and then tell us what it was and how it worked. There was no stumping him. What a wealth of knowledge! And what a sweet, sweet woman Donna was. They will be greatly missed.

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**The Yesteryear Show Gang** - November 09, 2019 at 10:49 AM

ZS

“ To the family of Wesley and Donna Stratman,  
From: Richard and Pat Schepler  
Are deepest sympathy in the passing of your parents and  
grandparents.  
Richard has Known Donna all his life.  
We grew up in the Pleasant View church community.  
Wesley and Donna and Richard were classmates at Wilcox High  
School.  
Richard has found memories of Micro Midget racing with Wes in  
the mid 1950's

*Our Deepest Sympathy  
Richard and Pat Schepler*

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**ZRichard Schepler** - November 09, 2019 at 10:44 AM

GP

“ To the Stratman Family, our condolences at the passing of Wes and  
Donna. We hold the highest thoughts for all of you. They lived such  
full lives and made thousands of folks' lives richer by knowing them.  
We are grateful to be two of them. - Gregg and Cynthia Peterson

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**Gregg Peterson** - November 08, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of  
Weslie Stratman.



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November 08, 2019 at 07:43 PM

CS

“ *Clay and Jan Speas purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Weslie Stratman.*



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**Clay and Jan Speas** - November 08, 2019 at 09:48 AM

“ Wesley, you left a mark in my heart - that I am eternally grateful for!  
Thank you!

*Did you perhaps use a sharpie?*

*I don't remember ever a time when you were left out, forgotten, or miss placed. For you have always been a presence in my life, always brought a smile to my face, and always -always made me feel important. You are the oldest and I the youngest in our generation. Perhaps this is the reason you took this little cousin under your wing and made me feel important, Like I matter, like I might have some value. For what ever reason. Wesley Stratman you changed my life. I am eternally grateful! You are strong, stable, like a rock!*

*You and my mom held a special bond. I believe mom just now gave Ruth a little nudge and a smile, knowing you were once again making your appearance! As always the room felt warm, and bright, it felt complete, bringing a sense of comfort. You have many- many family member to catch up with.*

*Our last family reunion, you asked my mom to talk about her Uncles on the farm. A memory that brought mom back to her child hood, a memory that placed you back on the farm as well. In this we all herd about our Uncles, our Great, and Great Great Uncles to some. In this moment I saw our family gather near to hear from my mom, the little sister to your mom. And she was heard! family listened, mom was proud she could share family history. I thank you for this.*

*You "traded" with me, some hand carved Christmas ornaments for a few old photographs. (I think I got the better deal here)Generations of family held these ornaments. treasures!*

*Ok thought of another thought. My dad would saw-I am quoting here!!*

*"Those Stratman kids would barrel out of the car and head straight through the house and out to the tree house". This of corse brought huge smiles. -Thanks for sharing your family!*

*Now this is your adventure -not the end of your story by a long run! - You go out and run through the fields, run that old corn shucker,*

*hold Donnas hand, and give her a little swirl. You are home now.  
You know----- the place, the place where you are cradled in God's  
hands, and you know you are safe. you are home.*

*We will all be numb for a while, quietly and softly absorbing your  
gifts, and our loss.*

*You are tremendously missed- and that's OK. It means you left your  
mark!*

*So so much love you gave*

*And so much love back at ya!*

*Suzie*

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**suzie** - November 07, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the  
family of Weslie Stratman.*



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November 07, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ *I remember both of them being upbeat and kind and involved in life.  
My thoughts and prayers are with all the family and those who loved  
them from their church family and community. Blessings, Mary Kay  
Pumphrey*

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**mary kay pumphrey** - November 07, 2019 at 07:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Weslie Stratman.* ”



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November 07, 2019 at 07:18 PM