



Frank Gamble

February 15, 1922 - January 26, 2010

Toppenish Cattleman and farmer, Frank T. Gamble passed away on January 26, 2010 in Toppenish. Frank was born in Granger on February 15, 1922 to George and Jane (Ryde) Gamble, who came to the United States from Leicester, England in 1913. He graduated from Toppenish High School in 1938. On May 31, 1952 he married Donna M. Gordon of Portland in Wemme, OR.

In the 1940's he was a champion relay and pony express rider, winning many times at Ellensburg, (where he retired the All Around Trophy after winning it three years in a row), White Salmon, Toppenish, Molalla, St. Paul and the Pendleton Round-Up in Oregon. He raised thoroughbred horses for many years, racing at Spokane, Renton, Portland and Gresham tracks. For sixteen years during the 60's and 70's he leased many acres of the Yakima Training Center for grazing cattle. He also leased many tracts of land from the Yakama Indian Agency and owned property since the 1940's.

He was a Dekalb corn seed dealer for over 50 years and was known for his corn silage and silage chopping. He raised Salers Cattle, winning many awards for them at Great Western National Beef Expo in Montana and the Denver Fed Beef contest in Colorado. He was named Farmer of the year at the Toppenish Ranch Party in 2000.

Mr. Gamble was a member of the American Salers Association, Washington Hay Growers, Washington Cattleman's Assn., Yakima County Cattleman's Assn., and the Toppenish Historical Society.

Frank is survived by his wife of 57 years, Donna at the family home; one daughter, Barbara (Greg) Bailey of White Swan; three sons, George (Robin) Gamble and John Gamble both of Toppenish, and Tom Gamble of Goldendale; twelve grandchildren, Ray, Morgan (Sarah), Hannah, Chance, Katie, Rygh, Clive, Abby, Bekka, Callie Jane, Kayce and Wyatt; one great grandson, Jackson; three step-grandchildren, Robert, Martay and Shaniya; one niece, Judy (Neil) Brandt of Wapato, one nephew, Dean (Jan) Gamble of Lake Oswego, OR; several great nephews and one great niece; one cousin, Joan (Martin) Wright of Leicester, England. He was preceded in death by his father in 1938, two brothers, Ernest in 1934 and Fred in 1944 and his mother in 1991.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Salers Association Scholarship Fund 15590 E. Mainstreet #202; Parker, CO 80138 Visitation for Mr. Gamble will be held on Friday January 29, 2010 at Colonial Funeral Home from 1-5PM. Funeral services will be at 11AM on Saturday January 30, 2010 at Colonial Funeral Home. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Service

JAN **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Frank Gamble*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dear Donna and family,*

*I share your loss
I loved him too.*

Your nurse and friend

Colleen R.N.

Dr Lascar's Nurse##imported-begin##colleen lopez R.N##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 11:19 PM



“ *With sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Ignacio and Sara Sifuentes and Family##imported-end##*

January 30, 2010 at 02:06 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear about your loss. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. My father Les Patterson and Frank Gamble were friends and that makes me very proud. I hope that they are conversing right now in a happy place in Heaven. May God Bless you all, Donna, George, Barb, John, and Tom.##imported-begin##The Knapp Family##imported-end##*

January 30, 2010 at 12:05 AM



“ *May happy memories help you though difficult days. We have memories of of your family with 4-H, rodeos, horse shows... one great memory is the 'relay races' at 4th of July. I was impressed by how he 'mounted' in front of stands. Ray said he impressed everyone with his ice skating on pond behind Chambers. Oh, yes, happy memories! Sundown Lazy K - Ray, Mary, Gin, Cyndi###imported-begin###Ray and Mary Kearl - Ginger - Cyndi###imported-end###*

January 29, 2010 at 05:01 PM



“ *Donna, and Family, I feel very fortunate to have known Frank and you all in my life. I remember when we chased yearlings from the Firing Center Exit, was it Snipes Corral?, Anyway, we rode almost all the way to the river and when we finally got my horse loaded, we came out at Vantage. Oh, I don't think it was Snipes, can't remember what the name was. Remember, my horse wouldn't load after all day riding. Those yearlings scattered like quail! Good memories, long days in the saddle. Take care all. If there is anything I can do, please let me know. Please remember, when it comes right down to it, all we have is family. Take care, Sue###imported-begin###Sue Shockley-Myra###imported-end###*

January 29, 2010 at 05:28 AM



“ *My thoughts are with you at this time of your loss. I have fond memories of Frank letting me ride his buckskin horse gathering cattle at cold creek.###imported-begin###Sandi Walker###imported-end###*

January 29, 2010 at 01:19 AM



“ Our Love and Prayers are with you and your families at this time. God is an awesome God and if you hold to him he will help in this dark time. Always remember the laughter and the good times, He may be gone in sight but will always be there in heart. God Bless you , you are all in our prayers.
The Ross's Don & Patty
The Rutherford's William, Nancy Colton & Caleb
The Ross's Shawn, Jennifer, Simon & Penelope##imported-begin##Don and Patty Ross##imported-end##

January 28, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ Donna and family.
We are sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Frank is now at peace and will continue to watch over all of you.##imported-begin##Travis & Mikal Gadley and family##imported-end##

January 27, 2010 at 04:05 PM