



## Doran Arp Lummis

September 27, 1927 - May 21, 2019

Doran Arp Lummis, 91, won the victory over death on May 21, 2019 at Davis Hospice in Cheyenne, after a short illness.

Doran was born in Cheyenne on September 27, 1927, to Doran W. and Anna Christine [Arp] Lummis. Doran worked with his father on the ranch his grandfather Jochim Arp owned South of Cheyenne. They raised horses for the cavalry at Fort D.A. Russell, milked cows, and put up hay with horses. Doran remembers a neighbor coming to the dairy barn one day in the 1930's, and watching his father give the man a pail of milk and a slab of bacon he was curing; it was all that man's family had to eat that day, one of the darker days of the Depression. After the cavalry disbanded, the ranch was converted to a cow-calf operation and later to a steer operation. The family business, Arp & Hammond Hardware Co., founded in 1894, and its companion ranch, Lummis Livestock Company, still operate in Cheyenne and Laramie County today.

Doran played basketball for Cheyenne High School during a four-year run as State Champions, after which he played basketball for the University of Wyoming, earning All-Conference academic honors. Before he could finish college, Doran was drafted during WWII into the US Army, serving in the tank corps. While Doran was training for service in the Pacific at Fort Knox, KY, Japan surrendered. Doran always said that "Harry Truman saved my life"; Doran shipped out to occupied Japan, where he served at Zama.

Returning to the ranch, Doran married his high school sweetheart, Enid Bennett, and together they raised four children, Christine, Claudia, Cynthia and Doran Erik [Del] Lummis, all of whom still live and work in Wyoming.

Doran served as a Laramie County Commissioner in the 1960's, and as a member of the State Board of Equalization in the 1970's and 1980's. Doran also served on the State Board of Agriculture and on the Employment Securities Commission. He was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was the second of five generations (so far) that have attended Trinity Lutheran School. Doran was a 4-H leader, belonged to the

Cheyenne Lions Club, the Board of Cheyenne Federal Savings & Loan, and is a former Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1972 in Miami, FL, and was an active Republican throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Enid, son-in-law Al Wiederspahn, and best friends Lou Broyles, Bob St. Clair, Albert Vosler and Nate Rosenberg.

Like many in the Greatest Generation, Doran loved God, his family, his Country, his community, and the ranching business. He is survived by his four children, daughter-in-law Sally Lummis, brother-in-law James Bennett, eight grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren.

Interment services and military honors will be Thursday, 2:00 p.m., at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorial Services will be Thursday, 3:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Cemetery

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## Lakeview Cemetery

2501 Seymour Ave.  
Cheyenne, WY, 82001

# Events

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**MAY** **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Lakeview Cemetery  
2501 Seymour Ave., Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

**MAY** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM

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Trinity Lutheran Church  
1111 E. 22nd St., Cheyenne, WY, US, 82001

# Comments

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doran Arp Lummis.



May 30 at 12:19 PM

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“ Cynthia, Claudia, Del and Chris, and families, you are certainly in our thoughts and prayers with the passing of your dad. My favorite memory of Doran was when I first started with the State and my cubie was right outside of his office. He delighted in popping over the top and giving me a fright, sometimes he would wear this fire hat and blast the siren when I least expected it, we had lots of laughs for sure. Your family is so precious and we hope your memories of this giant of a man will carry you through this very sad time. Hugs to all, Love Rich and Paula Bivens

Paula & Rich Bivens - May 30 at 11:33 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doran Arp Lummis.



May 29 at 09:06 PM

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“ Growing up I felt that Doran and Enid were my second parents. Chris and I were friends and Doran always welcomed me on the ranch. I later was able to arrange to have Doran come to Mayos and undergo a surgery that removed back pain so he could continue as the active rancher I remembered. I share your loss but as Cynthia said the Cheyenne cowboy is in heaven with his illustrious ancestors. I have nothing but lasting memories growing up as a friend of the Lummis family.

William (Nick) Nichols - May 29 at 08:58 PM

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“ Deepest condolences from the Hu family. Mr. Lummis was instrumental in getting our mother, Lillian, Sam, David and Anna over to the United States from Taiwan. If not for his help we wouldn't be here today. Doran was the nicest person and we are happy he is with our Lord in heaven. The Lord's blessings and comfort to the Lummis family.

Sam, David, Anna, Daniel, and Tim Hu

David Hu - May 29 at 08:49 PM

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“ The Nation Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doran Arp Lummis.



The Nation Family - May 29 at 06:58 PM

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“ Dear Lummis Family,

My deepest condolences to you all. Doran was one of the finest men I have ever known. His years of sage advice, never ending kindness and compassion will be remembered always. Blessings to you all.

Carrie Anderson-Kincaid - May 28 at 09:03 PM

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“ Dear Family, Kay and I send our condolences. Dorin and his good friend, J. O. Reed were valued guides during my 14 years as president of LCCC. His and J. O.'s vision and the Lummis family's generosity lead to the establishment of that great Wyoming institution, Laramie County Community College. I am honored to have known Dorin.  
Chuck Bohlen



Charles H Bohlen - May 28 at 08:34 PM



“ Dear Lummis Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Doran. He was a faithful friend to my Dad, Bob St. Clair. My Mom loved getting phone calls from Doran and the funny birthday cards he would send to her after Dad passed away. He will be missed by so many, for he was dearly loved.

**Rita** - May 28 at 09:58 AM

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“ Dear Lummis Family,

I am sorry to hear of Doran's passing. When I ran for public office, I appreciated his support and sage advice. The best part though, was when he would call me, disguising his voice to impersonate a concerned citizen, usually a lady, and was impervious to the existence of caller ID. I know he will be missed.

**Rick Keslar** - May 27 at 11:55 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, he will be greatly missed as is your Mom missed you are all in my thoughts and prayers my God bless you all.

**Rayma Moyer Rushing** - May 26 at 05:15 PM

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“ Dear Family,  
Please accept our very deepest sympathy on your loss. Obie says that Doran steered him in the right direction many a time when he went to him for advice. He was a man of common sense and wisdom and a joy to be around. We have lost a man who cared for and served this community. Please know that we share your loss. May you find strength in the Lord, the love of family, and the warm embrace of friends.  
May God Bless,  
Obie and Karen

**Bill and Karen Obermeier** - May 25 at 09:45 PM

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“ Dear Lummis family we are so sorry to hear of Dorans passing praying for strength and comfort in these times.  
Doran was so good to us when we needed it most God bless you all.

The Wenskys

**Ralph Wensky** - May 24 at 05:38 PM

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“ May God Bless

**Buddy Trujillo** - May 24 at 04:21 PM