



**D**ale Ebel died Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in his home surrounded by his family.

Dale was born in Snyder, Nebraska on October 28, 1929. When he was 15 years old, his family moved to Boulder, Colorado where he graduated from Boulder High School in 1947.

Dale worked for the Forest Service in Oregon as a fire look-out for several summers while he attended the University of Colorado for two years.

Dale entered the Army on October 20, 1952 and served during the Korean War. He was involved in constructing and rebuilding landing strips and lengthening them for use by the new jets. He was honorably discharged on September 13, 1954.

After the service, Dale worked as a carpenter, learning the trade. In 1957, he began his own business, Dale Ebel Construction. He was a custom builder, working on one house at a time until it was completed.

In 1956, he met Shirley Spoon, who had come to Boulder from Ohio for graduate school at the University of Colorado. They were married on November 21, 1956. They had two children: Kristen, born in 1958 and Bradley, born in 1962.

The couple spent the first 17 years of their marriage in Boulder. Dale became interested in working with horses and in 1973 the family moved to a ranch in the Bitterroot Valley near Victor, MT.

In 1979, Dale was offered a job at a ranch in Ellensburg, Washington. For the first year, he ran a crew building fences and a large indoor arena with stalls and an office. Eventually, he became the stallion manager and artificially inseminated about 40 mares each year.

In 1985, Dale and Shirley moved to Phoenix, AZ where he worked as a carpenter. His aging Mother's health took them back to Boulder so that he and Shirley could help his sister and brother in law care for her. During that time, he was the manager for an 80 unit apartment building for independent seniors in Boulder.

When his Mother died at 105 years of age in 2004, Dale and Shirley moved to Bozeman, MT to be near their only grandchild.

Dale's interests were hunting and fishing. Beginning in the mid-60's he developed an interest in woodcarving and enjoyed being a part of the wood-carving group at the Senior Center in Bozeman. Football was another of his passions. He looked forward to attending the MSU games each fall.

Dale had a strong faith which was greatly nurtured by the pastors and his friends at Grace Bible Church in Bozeman. He was very thankful for them.

Dale was well cared for by Hospice of Southwest Montana and his doctors. His family is very appreciative.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred; mother Norma; brother Carl and sister Ardine. He is survived by his wife Shirley; daughter, Kristen; Son, Brad (Cheryl); granddaughter Sarah and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.