



## Dee Carling Astle

November 9, 1933 - May 9, 2024

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Born November 9, 1933 to Laura Thelma Carling and John Francis Astle Jr. at Grover, Wyoming, the fourth of five children.

Dee was a happy energetic young boy who grew up with a deep love for horses. He could

catch and even saddle a horse by the age of four, so that he could ride up to the Grover school

and visit his older siblings. He has worked with horses doing farm work, riding for pleasure

and trained horses for others. He loved driving the teams of work horses and light horses on

sleighs and buggies. He was a good student and did well at school but never had the

opportunity to attend college due to lack of family finances and the needs of the older siblings.

Dee married his high school sweet-heart, Gayla Gardner, right out of high school at age

nineteen in the Salt Lake Temple. They were the proud parents of one daughter, Carolyn, and

four sons: Craig, Kent, Val, and Robert. The early years of marriage were very lean financially,

but full of love and family fun. Evening horse back rides after work were instrumental in teaching all five children to love horses. Hard work was the rule of the day. Dee was an extremely hard worker and his example helped teach all of his children to value hard work as well.

Dee worked for Golden Anderson ranching, farming and caring for the stock. During the fall, roundups on Grey's River were especially enjoyable. Dee was very good at fixing and running farming equipment and ran the large cattle ranch for Golden for many years. Hunting was also a favorite pastime for Dee and Gayla and the family. The fall elk hunt was always greatly anticipated and numerous family stories are told about the adventures during those hunts.

Dee and Gayla love to dance and taught the Ward and Stake youth many dances in preparation for Stake events. Dee was a devoted husband and father and spent his life in the services of his family. He was a good provider and protector. He was also a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served in bishoprics, elders quorums and high priest group leaderships. Dee and Gayla served a full time historic sites mission in the St George area and served for many years as ordinance workers in the Idaho Falls and the St George Temples. To make a living and raise a large family in Star Valley required that Dee not only farm and ranch

his forty acre homestead but he also worked full time for many years at the  
Thayne, Wyoming  
Swiss cheese creamery and then for years as head inspector at an Afton  
Based aircraft  
manufacturing company.

The ranch never provided much income for the family, but it served to teach all  
the children

how to work. Leaving their beloved Star Valley in 1994, Dee and Gayla moved  
to their Diamond

Valley Ranch near St George, Utah to pursue ostrich ranching. The thirty  
years spent in

Diamond Valley were productive, happy and filled with family and friends.

Retirement there

was quiet and full of service and contentment. Being a man of integrity, honor  
and service to

others, Dee was loved and appreciated wherever he was. He will be missed  
by a large

extended family and by many friends. At the age of ninety, Dee passed away  
on May 9, 2024

of natural causes. He is preceded in death by his parents and four siblings.

Thelma Beyeler,

Leon Astle, Elmo Astle and Frances Moser and daughter Carolyn Astle Owen  
(Chuck).

He is survived by his beloved wife and eternal companion, Gayla and by his  
four sons, Craig

(Jan), Kent (Denise), Val (Valerie) and Robert (Teri). He is also survived by  
nineteen grand-

children, fifty-seven great grand-children and one great, great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on May 25 at 11:00 at his beloved Diamond Valley Ward building.

All are invited to come celebrate the life of this remarkable man of righteousness.

Visit with family and friends 9:30-10:30. Family prayer at 10:40

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Dammeron Valley Ward; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1784 West Diamond Valley Drive  
St. George, UT 84770

# Tribute Wall

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“ As a neighbor to Craig and Jan during my teenage years, I have many fond memories of Dee visiting their home and helping at their home. I was always struck by his kind and loving gentleness, always thoughtful and intentional in the words he spoke. Reading about his upbringing and time raising his family on a 40-acre homestead deepened the love and respect that he had to raise his children intentionally - the efforts being shown in the person that his son, Craig, is to this day. Wishing his family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren best wishes and peace at this time!

Taylor H. - May 22, 2024 at 11:24 AM

JA

Thank you for your very kind words. I will show this to Craig. Love Jan

jan - May 26, 2024 at 08:22 PM

BJ

“ Bart & Kristi Andy & Angie Laura & Jeff purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Dee Carling Astle.



Bart & Kristi Andy & Angie Laura & Jeff - May 20, 2024 at 05:17 PM

BJ

“ Bart & Kristi Andy & Angie Laura & Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dee Carling Astle.

Bart & Kristi Andy & Angie Laura & Jeff - May 20, 2024 at 05:17 PM