

Melvin Joe Couch

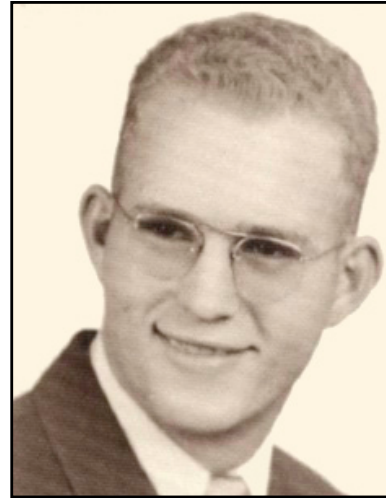
August 3, 1937 - August 26, 2011

Melvin Joe Couch, 74, died Friday, Aug. 26, 2011, at Agape Hospice Center in Lexington, S.C., after a long battle with multiple illnesses.

The son of Benjamin Franklin Couch, Jr., and Irene Ruth Glassburn Couch, he was born Aug. 3, 1937, in Torrington and soon moved to a farm in Carr, Colo., where he grew up and went to a country school. He graduated from high school in 1955 in Carr.

Melvin attended the Cheyenne Baptist Temple where he met his wife, Marjorie Fern Miles, and married her Oct. 21, 1955. They bought a home and moved outside Cheyenne on a farm in Borie. In 1968, they moved to Cheyenne, where their children attended grade school.

He attended Air National Guard basic training and attained the rank of Master Sergeant in charge of the 153rd Combat Support Squadron in Cheyenne. He was the master electrician in charge of maintaining all electrical systems for the squadron. After his military career, Melvin purchased Circle "C" Trailer Court and



some apartments in Thermopolis and moved his family in 1974. Because of his love for athletics, he became the activity bus driver and drove the Thermopolis Bobcats to games all over the state. He also was a driver for the Wildcat Band from 1974-1987. He became a custodian before retiring from Hot Springs County School District in 1999.

He was the president of the Electrician's Union in Cheyenne and was a member of NRA. He was an ordained deacon with Risen Son Southern Baptist Church in Thermopolis.

Melvin played softball until 1974 in Cheyenne. He loved to fish, hunt and camp with his family and friends. He had a great sense of humor. Melvin loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was very proud of all their achievements.

Marjorie and Melvin bought a second home in Lexington, S.C., and moved there permanently in 2005. He attended Springdale Baptist Church in Lexington.

Melvin is survived by his wife of 56 years; his mother, Irene Ruth Glassburn Couch of Windsor, Colo.; sister, JoAnn Jordan of Torrington; three children, Terry Couch and Timothy Couch, both of Lexington, S.C., and Janelle Louanne Foyil of Ione, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday, Aug. 29 in the Chapel of Thompson Funeral Home of Lexington with the Rev. Tommy McGill officiating. A second memorial service will be tentatively held at Risen Son Southern Baptist Church in Thermopolis in late September or early October. Officiating will be the Rev.

John Harrington.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.thompsonsfuneral.com.