



## Elwin Walter Updike

December 3, 1926 - January 11, 2019

Elwin Walter Updike was born on December 3, 1926 to Guy and Nina (Sturgill) at their homestead on Great Divide, northwest of Craig, Colorado. He went to be with our Lord on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the age of 92.

Elwin was raised by his parents on their homestead until drafted into the army toward the end of World War II, serving with the military police.

Elwin married Maxine (Miller) on September 11, 1947. They lived in Craig most of their married lives. They celebrated sixty-five years of marriage before Maxine's death in 2014. They have a family of four children and their spouses: Lova (Clif) Shultz, Marjorie (Stan) Lucier, Lynn (Brenda) Updike, and Tami (Dale) Hunt. They have thirteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and two great, great grandchildren with another on the way.

During his life, Elwin worked at the local railroad, Gilbert Meats Grain Elevator, Bill Pugh Construction, and Bob Quillen Construction. He retired as the carpenter for Empire Energy Coal Mine. He was proud to proclaim carpentry as his primary occupation.

Elwin was an avid hunter and fisherman up until this year and shared his love of the outdoors with his family. Elwin was very proud to be a member of the First Christian Church, fulfilling many duties for many years. He loved his family, music, and his home. Elwin is survived by his children and their families and his younger brother, Marvin Updike of Grants Pass, Oregon. Elwin was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Updike; parents, Guy and Nina Updike; brothers, Orville Updike and Vernon Updike; sister, Ella Marquess; grandson, Aaron Lively; and granddaughter, Brittney Hunt.

Elwin never met a stranger, loving to talk with and help others. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 2019, at Craig Christian. Interment will follow at Craig Cemetery.

# Cemetery

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## Craig Cemetery

675 Ashley Road  
Craig, CO, 81625

# Events

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**JAN**   **Funeral services**   02:00PM

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Craig Christian Church  
960 W Victory Way, Craig, CO, US, 81625

# Comments

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“ Dear Updike and other families,  
I am sorry for your loss. May his memory be eternal! Rest easy, dear soul. God bless him and his family.

**Vasilios Emmanuel Glimidakis** - January 21 at 02:25 PM

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“ Condolences to all the family. Elwin was such a godly man, a role model for many young men who were raised in the First Christian Church. He and Maxine were "salt of the earth" folks. Loved them both very much.  
Linda Gooch

**Linda Gooch** - January 20 at 08:03 PM

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“ I first knew Elwood when we worked at Empire Energy. We always found something to visit about. I liked him because he reminded me of my dad who also grew up on a ranch. He was a gentle man who always knew me even though we hadn't talked for years. Family: You were very fortunate to have him in your lives .

**Sharon Andrew** - January 19 at 05:09 PM

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“ I actually have never met Elwin. However, we had many phone conversations over the passed few years when he misdialed Tami and got me instead. He was always so apologetic for calling me- I never saw it as a problem. He was so sweet and I always smiled when I saw the caller ID and it was him. May your family be comforted with all your memories of him. Trish Vagneur

**Trish Vagneur** - January 18 at 07:22 PM



“ Trish, This is Tami, I'm wondering if you live in Craig?

**Tami Hunt** - February 11 at 11:29 AM