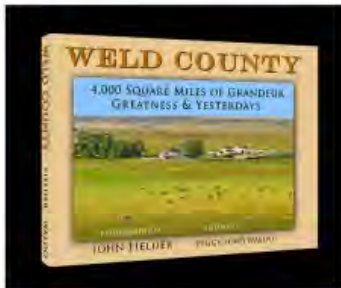


# FRIENDS OF RAYMER

New Raymer, Colorado

November 1, 2021

## JOHN FIELDER



**November 6th, 2021**

**New Raymer Community Center:  
23 Shirley Avenue  
New Raymer, CO 80742**

**Book Signing - 4 pm  
Presentation - 4:30 pm**



Renowned Colorado photographer John Fielder presents photographs, beautiful music, and stories from his four-year project exploring Weld County. From golden wheat to green alfalfa fields; from the confluence of the South Platte and Poudre rivers to the Pawnee Buttes and National Grasslands; from public art in Frederick to barely standing buildings of bygone eras in New Raymer and Grover, Fielder has documented untold gems of both the natural and human history of Weld County. Also see Weld County fade from Then to Now from the archives of Greeley Museums. With a special photographic and musical essay about Raymer, Colorado!

You've seen and read about the book of the same name Weld County: 4,000 Square Miles of Grandeur, Greatness & Yesterdays every Saturday in the Greeley Tribune...now see what's inside on the slide screen. Copies of the book, and all of John's popular Colorado books and calendars, will be available for purchase and signing by John before and after the show. You may also bring previously purchased copies for John to personalize. 25% of sales will be donated to Friends of Raymer.

**Please let us know you will be attending. 970-222-9852 or [friendsofraymer@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofraymer@gmail.com)**



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We appreciate hearing from families whose ancestors settled in the area of New Raymer . Please feel free to contact us with your photographs and stories. We will assist in publishing your histories



## RENHOLT ALBIN FORSBERG

### COWBOY FROM RAYMER, COLORADO



"I was born at Raymer Colo. May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1889, the youngest of the three of us children. My brother Levy and my sister Selma were born in Iowa. My parents were pioneers that settled in that part of the country in 1887. My father stayed with the intentions of raising cattle. Most everybody starved out in the 90's. In 1904 after a hard winter, that had killed half of father's cattle, I began work as a ranch hand. I had reached the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in school and in the spring our schoolhouse burned down. At the age of 15 I left home and to work on ranches."

"I was just a kid, my wages were \$25 per mo. Horses did not have to be broke gentle, just knock the rough off, the phrase used, bridle wise. Some of those bronks were pretty salty, running on the range until they were 3 and 4 years old, and older. They would bite, strike and kick a man. To stand while being saddled after a hackamore and bridle had been put on them it usually took 2 or 3 men to drag them out of the corral after being roped. Those horses had to be handled from the start. They were usually corralled in a round corral and roped by the front feet and jerked down by two men. One would hold its head in a twist, that is mouth up, while the other one hog tied it. Then a hackamore was put on, and then a rope with a loop was slipped over its head. The left hind foot tied up to it would just touch the ground, then it would be let up, and tied up till the next morning. Then the foot was let down and they were pulled around, first one way and then another, and petted and talked to. When they found out that they weren't going to get hurt, it didn't take long until they were halter broke."

"I saved my money, I wanted a ranch of my own. The country started to settle up in 1908. By 1910 about all the land was filed on and was being fenced and plowed up. Some of the homesteaders gave us ranchers something to think about, butchering, shooting and dogging our cattle. If it hadn't been for mother, I would have left the country same as some of the other cattlemen and cowboys did."

"In 1911 I filed on a homestead on North Pawnee Creek. I built a house and barn on it and fenced same. I was handy with the carpenter tools. It looked like it was going to be impossible to get into the cattle business. I bought some milk cows, and I had some horses. In 1922 I built a better, larger home. That was the best sheltered place for stock in that country, with canyons and timbers. For several years, I worked at odd jobs, to keep the wolf from the door. I had some hay on hand and got a lease on some grass land in 1916. Grass was abundant and didn't cost anything. We had blizzards to contend with, drifting our cattle away. I had 60 head of yearlings confined in a shed for 90 hours, without feed, during a blizzard of Apr 1920. The lightening killed a \$150 bull, and two got stuck in the mud and died before I found them."

In 1914 Renholt married Carrie Bell Beitel from Iowa. They had 8 children, Helen, Harold, Lester, Marguerite, Eddie, Becky, Keith, & Norma. He was a rancher, farmer, landowner and homesteader. He raised cattle, hogs, milking cows, and grew hay. During the period of 1911-1931, he and his sister Selma, owned 480 acres that ran along one and a half miles up North Pawnee Creek. The ranch was named The North Star and a cattle brand of an N over an S was registered with the State of Colorado. In the 1940's the family moved to sunny Southern California.



Renholt Albin Forsberg  
Rancher in New Raymer, Colorado  
From 1904-1946

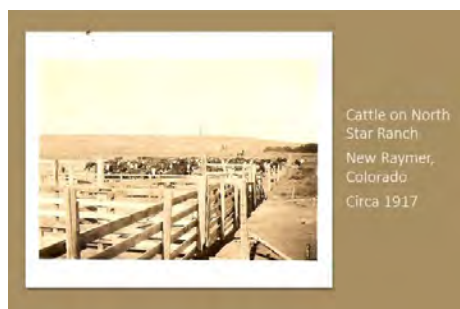


Circa 1920's



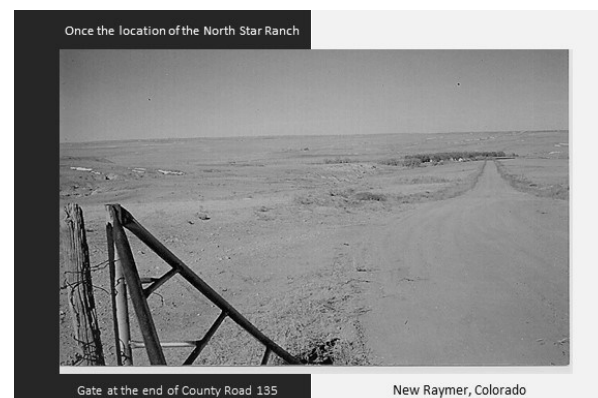
Renholt Forsberg at North Star Ranch, New Raymer, Colorado





*Thank you, Kathy Russell-Regan for sending us  
your family history and photos.*

*~Friends of Raymer*







## Dewain Shapley

### DEWAIN'S OBITUARY

CHANEY-REAGER FUNERAL HOME AND C

Dewain Lyle Shapley, 77, of Stoneham passed away Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. He passed at his family homestead surrounded by family and friends. Viewing will be held from 12 – 6 p.m., Wednesday, October 27 at Chaney-Reager Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 4 -6 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28 at Stoneham Community Building with Ken Holzworth officiating. Final interment will be at the Liberty Cemetery overlooking the family homestead.

Dewain and brother Leland were the third generation to live on the Shapley homestead, a Colorado centennial farm, established in 1910. He was born in Sterling, Co on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1944 to Lyle and Ethel (Rogers) Shapley. Attending the one room Liberty schoolhouse north of Stoneham, Dewain completed grades 1-8. He then graduated from Greeley High school in 1962.

Upon graduation Dewain, returned home to Stoneham to help operate the family ranch. While working alongside his dad, he served our country by enlisting in the national guard for six years. While running the ranch he drove the school bus from 1964 to 1966. He then worked at the Welsh Grain and Feed and Louisberg Elevator for over 45 years. Starting in 1968, he began working the sale for Livestock Exchange. Dewain worked for the sale barn for well over twenty years. He was part of the Young Farmers Association, he also served on the Stoneham Telephone Company board for many years and later served as President. In addition to his many job titles, Dewain was also known for his custom hay swathing and baling services.

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 1970 he married Nancy Stephen in Brush, CO. The couple then lived in the town of Stoneham for 6 years. They returned to the family ranch where they made their new home north of Stoneham. They dissolved their married in 1989. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1992, in Greeley, CO, the two were married again.

Dewain showed great pride in raising animals on the family's centennial farm. Some of which included his horse Nick, dogs Rowdy and Moose, and his herd Red Angus cattle. One of his endeavors was when he caught a catch-a-calf that he then showed at the National Western Stock Show in 1963.

Attending local and some distant events, the "wild bunch", (Dewain, Nancy, Dave, Carolyn Hughes) enjoyed many adventures. Regular Friday suppers, rodeos, and sales were some of the popular activities. Bigger adventures included the Pendleton Round-Up Rodeo in Oregon, National Finals Rodeo, and the annual National Sheep Dog Trials in Meeker, CO. Every four years, for twenty years Dewain and Nancy hosted the Shapley family reunion, one highlight being the homemade ice cream.

Dewain is survived by his wife, Nancy, brother Leland (Connie) Shapley of Eaton, CO. Niece Karla (Randy) Cordova and Isaiah and Klara of Eaton, CO, and nephew Ed (Linda) Shapley and Graham and Bennett of Thornton, CO. Even though Dewain and Nancy did not have children they often thought of Shelli Krager as their daughter, husband Jim, grandkids Tyler (Lindsey) Krager of Stoneham, Brett Krager and John Krager of New Raymer, great grandkids MaKenzie and Stetson Krager. He is proceeded in death by his parents Lyle and Ethel Shapley.

Contributions can be made to Feeders and Friends Benefit or Dewain Shapley Memorial Fund in care of Chaney-Reager Funeral Home, PO Box 1046, Sterling, CO 80751.



Carl, Charlie, Ed Rigsby and Ed Nelson on the Rigsby ranch south of Raymer. On the Wildcat Creek.

Submitted by Martin Schachterle.



# Dale Green

1937 - 2021

## Friends of Raymer Inc. Membership Form

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☐ I would be willing to volunteer to help with projects, activities, fundraisers, etc., that "Friends of Raymer" may plan.

Thomas Dale Green, 84, of New Raymer, Colorado, passed away August 9, 2021 in Brush, Colorado. He was born March 24, 1937 at Thayer, Kansas to Wrektor George Green and Rosy Alta (Falls) Green. The family moved to the New Raymer area in 1951 to farm, "Dale" graduated from New Raymer High School in 1955. He was an oil field employee, a truck driver, farmer, rancher. He enjoyed tractor shows, showing his tractors. He was a member of the Weld County Livestock Association and Weld County Historical Society. He is survived by many friends and nieces and nephews. Thomas Dale was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Ferne Evelyn (Green) Compton, Irene Alta (Green) Steeves, Brothers, Everitt Willard Green, Virgil Rex Green, Donald Eugene Green. Life Celebration will be held October 9TH, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at the New Raymer Community Center, New Raymer, Colorado.



# Vera Ethel Fiscus | 1928 - 2021 | Obituary



## Vera Ethel Fiscus

December 03, 1928 - September 29, 2021

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Vera Ethel (Lindsey) Fiscus life-long resident of New Raymer, Colorado passed away peacefully at the Haxtun Extended Care Unit and went to her heavenly home on September 29, 2021 at the age of 92. A celebration of Vera's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 5, 2021 at the New Raymer Community Church with burial following at the New Raymer Cemetery.

Vera, the oldest of 6 children was born to Harry and Lena (Mullanix) Lindsey on December 3, 1928 at her grandparent's Charles and Martha (Johnson) Lindsey's home near Lamont, Nebraska. In 1929, Vera moved with her parents north of New Raymer from Nebraska. Vera attended school in New Raymer and graduated with 2 other girls in 1946. During her senior year of high school Vera was baptized in the Pawnee Creek by the Pastor of the New Raymer Assembly of God Church.

On July 20, 1950 Vera married Vernon "Mick" Fiscus. They were blessed with 2 children, Mickie Lynn in 1955 and Rex in 1958. Family was especially important to Vera and she cherished the time spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Vera was the most giving and caring person, as she was a care-giver to many including her husband and mother in their older years when health challenges arose. She never turned down the nieces and nephews who always wanted to come stay at the ranch throughout the summer and would make sure they all got to bible school. Vera was a good homemaker, excellent cook, and baby-sitter. She enjoyed embroidery, making many gifts for family and friends. Vera also enjoyed the summers she worked with Rex for the Weld County Weed Department. In later years, she loved doing jigsaw puzzles, lots of reading and helping babysit her great-grandson.

Vera will truly be missed by her family. If you were around or talked to her at bedtime, she would tell you "it's time for this old chicken to go to roost". Also, one of her favorites was referencing that she was "an old pioneer woman" which she was. She lived through some hard times. Vera was blessed to live on the same ranch for almost 70 years, the place our grandparents moved to in 1917.

Vera is survived by her children, Mickie and husband John Morris of Haxtun, CO and son Rex Fiscus of New Raymer, CO. Grandchildren Brandy Morris and her son Brock of Haxtun; Justin (Arianne) Morris and their sons Kalin and Hayden of Fort Collins; and granddaughter Jessica (Sam) McNatt of New Raymer. Vera is also survived by sister Florence Hays of Fort Morgan; brother George (Peggy) Lindsey of Akron; and brother Ben (Kathy) Lindsey of Fort Morgan; along with many nieces and nephews.

Vera is preceded in death by her husband Mick Fiscus; parents Harry and Lena Lindsey; granddaughter Kayla Ranece Fiscus; and sisters Alice Krager-Graham and Helen Wilson.

Vera leaves behind a legacy of strong faith and caring for others. (and a strong will!)



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