

## Richard F. Washnok, 64

Richard F. "Dick" Washnok, 64, Wellington, Colo. and formerly Groton, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 at McKee Medical Center Hospice Unit, Loveland, Colo.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005 at United Methodist Church, Groton, SD. Cremation was completed by Allnutt Funeral Service, Fort Collins, Colo.

Richard Frank Washnok was born April 29, 1940 in Aberdeen, SD, to Frank Irving and Reta Julia (Padfield) Washnok. Dick earned a BA degree in Animal Science at South Dakota State University, M.Ed. in Extension Education, and his Ph.D at Colorado State University in Plant Genetics. He was a noted plant geneticist for Golden Harvest Seed Company and self-owned Washnok Genetics, Inc. In the industry, he was an esteemed creator of unique corn inbred lines with both foreign and domestic markets.

He married Marvel Lynn Way, June 17, 1962. They happily celebrated 42 years of marriage. Dick enjoyed restoring and operating antique engines. He collected and showed over 100 different engines and tractors. He also restored three Model A Ford cars. He and Marvel drove them over 84,000 miles in the United States and Australia. He shared his interests and made countless friends at shows and threshing exhibitions. Another joy in his life was spending time and sharing stories with his children and grandchildren.

Dick was preceded in death by his father, Frank, and infant brother, Kent.

He is survived by his mother, Reta Washnok, Chaska, Minn.; his wife, Marvel Washnok, Wellington, Colo.; one son, Grant (Patty) Washnok, Sioux Falls; one daughter Marsha (Wes, Jr.) Knackstedt, Wellington, Colo.; two sisters, Joyce Way, Overland Park, Kan., and Lois Degler, Chanhassen, Minn.; one brother, Dale Washnok, Groton; five grandchildren, Clinton, Dillon and Aspen Knackstedt, Wellington, Colo.; and Henry and Rosemary Washnok, Sioux Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rocky Mountain ALS Association in care of Allnutt Funeral Service, 650 W. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO 80526. Please view on-line obituary and sign family guest book at [www.allnutt.com](http://www.allnutt.com).