



Leslie Richard Allison

April 3, 1927 - June 27, 2019

Les Allison passed away peacefully at his Fort Collins home, surrounded by his family, on Thursday, June 27, 2019. He was born to Edward and Estella Dow Allison on April 3, 1927 in Waukesha, Wisconsin and later moved with his family to Waterloo, IA. He spent part of his childhood on a ranch with his great Uncle Joe and Aunt Ade Allison Wingfield near Vernon, CO and he cherished this family throughout his life. He met his future wife, Clarissa Vogt, in 1945 in Waterloo during his Christmas leave from the service and they were later married on February 5, 1948.

When Les was a teenager, he stayed with his cousin, Virginia (Bernard) Farrell, and worked on the Shadow Mountain Dam near Grand Lake, CO. He served in the Army after WW2 ended, running a snack bar for troops at Dachau, Germany during the time of the Nuremberg trials. After his service, Les returned to Waterloo where he married and started his family. He moved to Fort Collins, CO in 1952 and was a General Contractor for many years building custom homes and apartments. He enjoyed going to Las Vegas and traveling across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe with his family. After retirement, he and Clarissa spent winters at their home in Mesa, AZ and summers in Fort Collins. Family was important and they often visited relatives, they faithfully attended the Allison, Wingfield and Vogt family reunions and they spent many hours documenting family histories.

Les was a devoted husband and father and instilled his dedication to hard work into his children. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Clarissa, and his children: Chris (Barb) Allison of Fort Collins, CO; Val (J.) Moody of Windsor, CO; Annette (Tom) Leazer of Windsor, CO; and Rich (Angelica) Allison of Fort Collins, CO. His grandchildren: Michael (Sarah) Allison, Jacquelyn and Halei Moody; step-grandchildren: John Moody, Yendri Traugutt, and Amiey Janezich and great grandchildren: Marcus and Avery Allison. He is also survived by his brother, William (Arlene) Allison of Davenport, IA.

He is preceded in death by four siblings, his daughter Leslee Allison, his granddaughter Chrissa Allison, and his step-granddaughter Kari Moody Austin.

We will celebrate Les Allison's life with a memorial Mass on July 12, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church followed by a lunch reception at 11:00 in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Les' memory to Foothills Gateway in Fort Collins or your favorite charity.

Comments



“ His son Chris and I grew up together and spent many days at their home. Chris would have stories about helping his dad. Sorry for your loss.
Michael and Mal Brady.

Michael Brady - July 10, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ I remember so many wonderful memories working with Les to build homes in the Fort Collins area. He was so patient with me, a school teacher,

who hardly knew which end of the hammer to hold. I learned all of my carpenter skills from Les Allison. Les built my home in 1962 and it is still my special place. I will never forget the great man, LES ALLISON.
Sincerely, Arnold (Torgy!) Torgerson

Arnold Torgerson - July 06, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ To the family of Les, my prayers are with you. He was a master builder and human being.

Bud and Nan Abrams

Harry Abrams - July 06, 2019 at 10:32 AM