



Cleon E. Swain

March 16, 1926 - March 18, 2011

Cleon Elliott Swain, 85, of Fort Collins passed away Friday, March 18, 2011, at Pathways Hospice, McKee Medical Center. Cleon was born March 16, 1926 in Moorehead, Iowa to Olga and Norval Swain. Cleon grew up and helped run the family farm near Soldier, Iowa. He and his brother Willard enlisted in the Navy in January, 1944. After basic training, he served with the 5th Amphibs of the Marines on the island of Sai Pan. He was Honorably Discharged from service in May 1946. After the military he became an auto mechanic and owned and operated a filling station in Soldier Iowa. He also operated the local school bus in Soldier. He married Helen Rude on January 4th 1950 in Soldier, Iowa. They moved to Fort Collins in 1955. Cleon worked in the lumber business until 1966 when he started working for the Atmospheric Science Department at Colorado State University until his retirement in 1986. Cleon was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Life Member of Ft. Collins Elks Lodge 804. He also was a member of the American Legion and past member of the Moose Lodge. His hobbies included; golf, woodworking, going to Black Hawk, traveling and visiting with family and friends. He is survived by; a daughter, Linda Hiskett of Ft. Collins, three sons, Randy Mary Swain, Jim Swain and Jeff Faith Swain all of Ft. Collins; two brothers, Willard of California and Milton of Iowa; two sisters, Carma Ed Gary and Norma Jean Perry of Arizona; four grandchildren and one-step grandchild. Preceding Cleon in death are his wife, Helen; one sister, Colleen Gallagher; two brothers, Ron and Myron and one step-grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to

the Trinity Lutheran Church, Pathways Hospice, Elks Foundation or charity of your choice in care of Bohlender Fuenral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort collins, Colorado 80524. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 E. Stuart St. with the Revs. Gabi and Meghan Aelabouni officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery

Tribute Wall

SF

“ I am truly sorry to here about your father. Now you have all the good memories, but it isn't easy. Jan.1 2011 we lost Linda my sister to ALS Lou Gerics disease and now we hold onto all the good memeries. So very sorry.Love and a Smile to all your familys

sharon manley florea - April 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Randy Mary and family, sorry to hear of Cleons passing. I know it is a very hard time for all of you, time will heal but you will never forget. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all. Milo & Beverly Ohlsen

Milo & Beverly Ohlsen - March 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Linda, Randy, Jim, Jeff and Family, I wish I was with you today. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know how hard this day is for you all. As Ethan my nephew said at my mom's funeral come see my treasure. We have a treasure trove of memories of your father that we hold on to. He was a great Uncle! He will be missed and always loved. Love to you, Julie Swain

Julie Swain - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dearest Jeff & Faith, We were so sorry to read about your Dad. We were about your age when we lost both of our Dads. It's very hard. “But be of good cheer for He has overcome the world! Do not let your hearts be troubled; Trust in God, trust also in Jesus! My peace I leave—give to you.” We bless you with peace in Jesus' name!

Jack & Diann Dean - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Dear Randy and Mary, So sorry to read that your Dad passed away. I can relate to your difficult time. My condolences. God Bless Irene

Irene Mason - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I was just thinking about Cleon the other day. I always enjoyed his smile, sense of humor, and the way he "tilted" his cap! You are in my thoughts.

Cheryl Shepherd - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Linda, Randy, Jeff and families: We were so sorry to read of your father/grandfather's death. I remember him with such fondness, always making me laugh or teasing me. Much of my high school years were spent in your home! Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Debbie and mom Kate McKay

Debbie McKay Hardy - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Dear Family of Cleon Swain, We grieve with you in the death of Cleon, a proud US Marine from World War 2. We are grateful for his service that helped to keep our country free. Truly these World War 2 vets made a huge difference in our world! He sounds like a remarkable, memorable man! May you be comforted as you grieve in remembering happy times shared with him! Margaret Thornburg, Chaplain Marine Corps League Auxiliary Northern Colorado

Margaret Thornburg - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“Randy and Mary, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Our memories of Cleon are such happy memories. We always enjoyed his company at the Elks and he was definitely like a second Dad to us. Don and Lana

Don and Lana Weinland - March 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM