



Dale O. Thorne

October 7, 1923 - October 28, 2017

Dale is survived by his loving wife and lifelong companion Betty.) Thorne (Long), daughter Donna(Ron), sons Leighton(Pam) and Randy(Mary), 8 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren and sister Josephine(Thorne)Spatz. He was preceded in death by his father Francis and mother Bertha, 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Dale proudly served his beloved country during World War II as an Army Air Corp medical surgical technician. His time in Northern Africa greatly impacted his life and love for his fellow Americans.

Dale was a man of deep love for his wife Betty whom he was married to for 72 years but also knew as a childhood friend. Dale was many things to his family, loving husband, father, teacher, play partner for his great grandchildren and grandchildren and a man that always led by example.

Dale was born in Kansas and spent his childhood and early adulthood there until 1957 when the family moved to Colorado. Many summer vacations were spent returning to Kansas to visit all the relatives and reacquaint with the Kansas humidity and heat.

Dale had many interests and careers throughout his life: Mule team driver on the farm as a teenager, BS degree in accounting, grain mill manager, glazer, carpenter, boy scout leader and Sunday morning bacon fryer it always seemed that he worked two jobs as hard work was his mantra. But time with his family camping, fishing and eventually living in the Poudre Canyon fulfilled his passion for the outdoors.

Honesty, integrity and hard work were his values. Those lifelong characteristics are his legacy deeply imbedded in every member of his family.

Dad never liked to say goodbye. It was always, "See you down the road"

"God Bless you Dad. We will always love and miss you!"

A memorial service will occur at a later time and date not yet specified.

Tribute Wall

HE

“ Dear Betty,
I was so sorry to read about Dale. I know how hard it is to loose your husband. I will be moving to town very soon to live with Lori for the winter and think it is close to you. I don't have your address or phone so please contact me here in the canyon.
In the meantime you have my sympathy ,prayers and my love. Your faith will help you through this difficult time
Helen Magee

Helen - November 12, 2017 at 06:01 PM

PL

“ Leighton, We were just talking about your Dad living with you in your house at the reunion in August. Losing a father is always difficult but the good memories will surface and give you comfort.
My condolences,
Paige Evans Lunberry

Paige Evans Lunberry - November 07, 2017 at 10:25 AM

JC

“ Dale was #1 fan of the boys' Fort Collins Rockies baseball team. Justin, Zach and I will always remember stopping by the Poudre canyon house on the way to a Steamboat Springs tournament and the freshly baked cinnamon rolls that were waiting for us. God bless you all at this time.
Jim Campain

jim campain - November 05, 2017 at 05:59 PM

DC

“ Dale Thorne was a kind man, he has been my father figure since my Dad, Dale Cromley passed 17 years ago. We worked together and laughed together, he loved his family more than anything. He was my friend and I will miss him. David Cromley

David Cromley - November 04, 2017 at 10:04 PM