



## Dean Jaros

August 23, 1938 - November 4, 2011

Dean Jaros passed away November 4, 2011 peacefully at home surrounded by family, after a courageously fought battle with lymphoma. Born August 23rd, 1938 in Racine WI, Dr. Dean Jaros began his education in a one-room schoolhouse, then went on to become a scholar, a professor at Vanderbilt and University of Kentucky, an author and Dean of the Graduate School at Colorado State University, from which he retired in 1999. Dean advocated for access to higher education and learning for rural families and those who may not have channels to explore the world around them. Dean authored several books. His earlier works focused on political science with his most well know text in academia, *The Socialization of Politics*. More recently Dean published *Hero's Without Legacy*, a tribute to women in aviation. Dean had many passions throughout his life, all having an underlying theme of exploration and enrichment. From early childhood he was fascinated with aviation. He became a pilot, then built and flew airplanes. His happiest times were flying the Mooney with his wife, Jan. Together they ventured all over the US, Alaska, and Mexico. He was very active in The Colorado Pilots Association, where he made many friends and participated in numerous fly-ins nationwide. The study of history was a hobby for Dean which meshed perfectly with his love of travel. His interests varied during his life, but Mayan Culture was has been a favorite area of research. He has had many adventures in Guatemala and other parts of Central America. Another area of interest and discovery was the Czech Republic, from which his relatives emigrated. Dean learned much about the

life and culture of his forbearers on a trip to the Czech Republic in 2003. His daughters promised to carry on this legacy with a trip to the old country in the very near future. Dean is survived by his wife, Jan Mackenzie; his brother, Kenneth Jaros, Karen; his daughters, Cynthia Gwash, Gregory, Lisa Delaney, Patrick; and grandchildren, Jeffrey, Emily, and Ben. He will be eternally missed. Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ Dear Lisa and Mrs. Jaros, I was out of the country when Dean died so found out only recently. I'm very sorry to hear about his passing. I knew Dean fairly well when he was grad dean and I was department head of Design and Merchandising. I remember how proud he was of Lisa as a student.

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**George A. Morgan** - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Jan, what an amazing man, a blessing to family and so admired by many. Sincerely, Dan and Shirley Ellsworth

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**Daniel L. Ellsworth** - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dean and I became good friends when we joined the political science faculty at the Univ. of Kentucky in 1966. We co-authored several research articles. We lived on the same block and had similarly aged children in the nearby school. I watched as he built his experimental airplane in the 1970s. We remained close after he went to CSU. We often got together for summer adventures in such places as Santa Fe, Carson City, Dinosaur Nat'l. Monument, Victoria BC, St. Louis and last year in Boston, as well as my visiting Ft. Collins. I will greatly miss the sense of humor including the puns, erudition and camaraderie. of a lifelong friend. --Brad Canon, Lexington, KY

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**Brad Canon** - November 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My brother Matt and I graduated from Horlick High School with Dean. Frank Catrine notified me this morning about his death. Our son Terry is an Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics at Colorado State and is currently teaching a graduate course for 6 weeks at the university in Hanoi Vietnam. My condolences. We talked about Dean at the Sept. reunion and were very concerned. I wish we had known you were in Fort Collins before then. Sincerely Noel Iverson 10680 E Vogel Ave. Scottsdale, Az 85258

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**Noel Iverson** - November 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Dean and I were CSU colleagues for two decades. I admired his high standards as dean of the graduate school, his unfailing courtesy, and most of all his good humor and witty comments that lightened some occasionally slow academic meetings. During the 1990s, we worked together in the provost's office and shared many informal discussions about the direction and future of the university. His accounts of his research into the Women's Army Corps World War II fliers fascinated me. I am very sorry for your loss. -- David Clark

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**David Clark** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We will always remember Dean for his "Joke of thd day"! He reminds me a bit of Will Rogers, another aviator. Maybe all that time in the thin air enhanced their sense of humor. Dean was always Jon's buddy at 99 events. I can't forget on our 99 trip to Guadalajara, Dean & I happily shared the trunk of a station wagon taxi for our 30 minute back to the hotel. We miss you Dean & your zest for discovery & life!! Bonita & Jon Ades

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**Bonita & Jon Ades** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

*“ We're sorry to hear of Dean's passing. We want Jan and the family to know Dean is in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Don and Denise Bartlett** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

*“ Dean will be greatly missed. It was a pleasure to have heard his laugh, known his great smile and great look out on life for the short time we knew him. John & Roxie Juul*

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**Roxie Juul** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

*“ Very sorry to hear of Dean's death. I greatly enjoyed working with him on the Dean's council at CSU. His scholarship and his humor helped make our meetings productive and enjoyable. My sympathies to Dean's family.*

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**Robin Herron** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PP

*“ It was with sadness that I learned of Dean's passing. I knew him from the time he came to Fort Collins to be the graduate dean. We talked, drank beer, and he taught me much. I have thought of him often over the years and remember him as a gentleman. I will miss him.*

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**Pat Pellicane** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Dean's death. I knew him when he was our Graduate School dean at Colorado State. After his retirement I'd bump into him from time to time at the Windsor Safeway store, chat about university life and the state of our world. Dean was a good academic and a good guy ! All the best to his family.*

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**john a. straayer** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *So sorry for your loss. I met Dean through our interactions at the Windsor Health Club. He was always giving me stats on how working out was bad for you, but day after day he was there. I looked forward to our morning 'chats'. He'd tell me of his travels and his love for flying. I've greatly missed him and our joking, while he quietly battled for his life. He was an amazing man, that I'd only started to know. It is a great loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Jan and his family at this time. Michelle S*

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**Michelle** - November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM