



## Don W. Mullison

July 4, 1924 - September 14, 2013

Don W. Mullison, 89, of Windsor, died September 14, 2013 at a local nursing home. Mr. Mullison was born July 4, 1924 in Fort Morgan, Colorado to Fred Mullison and Anna Fagg Mullison. Don married Nylene A. Wallace who preceded him in death. Don "Tuffy" Mullison was a longtime fixture in Fort Collins and part of the transition of Colorado A&M College to Colorado State University. He played football for the Colorado Aggies in 1942 before serving in the Pacific during World War II. He returned to Colorado A&M in 1946 where he played football until 1948 and was a member of Bob Davis' Raisin Bowl team. He was appointed as the assistant line coach of the football program in 1952 and assistant wrestling and baseball coach. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed as the head wrestling coach and served in that position until the 1970's. He helped Bob Davis guide the 1955 Aggies to the Skyline Conference championship in 1955 before being named as the head football coach in 1956. He served in that position until 1961. He was an excellent student and was invited to join Phi Kappa Phi educational honorary society and also served as a long time professor at CSU. As well as his academic and football achievements, Mr. Mullison was a champion wrestler, and was twice an NCAA runner up. He was inducted into the Colorado State University Hall of Fame in 1990. He enjoyed golf, fishing and hunting and loved playing poker at the Elks Club. Survivors include his son, Michael Mullison and daughter-in-law Sunita Sharma of Windsor; daughter, Mindy Romero of Fort Collins; brother, Ray Earl Mullison of Fort Morgan; six grandchildren, Shallane, Christopher, and Brian Mullison, and Zachary, Tyler, and Derek Romero; as well as two great grandchildren, Serenity Romero and Alivia Romero. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Fuenral Chapel on Friday at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Paul McGraw will officiate the service. Memorial contributions can be made to Colorado State University in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Mullison Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Coach. Tuffy, Nylen and family were such an integral part of our lives growing up...part of our CSU family as well as our real family. My dad, Jim Williams and Tuffy were such great friends. Tuffy was always there with a smile and a word of encouragement!!! On behalf of my sister Joan and I, our condolences go out to your family. Sincerely, Carol Williams

Carol Williams - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I am sorry for your loss. Tuffy was my coach 1971-72. He was sincere, encouraging, and instructive as a coach. He was a person of character, and it showed.

Steven M. Jentzen - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ "Tuffy" was a long time friend and husband of one of my "best" friends, ..Nyline. My condolences to the family members. Bev Savage Cates.

Beverly Savage Cates - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ While I do not recall meeting Mr. Mullison personally I, through the Delta Rho Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, interacted with many who did and spoke fondly of him. Please accept my condolences on his passing. David L. Purvis, 6043 Highway 60, 80534

David L. Purvis - September 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We are sorry to learn the loss of your loved one. Our sympathies are with your family. Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785 Fort Collins, Colorado

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you as we all honor the memories of "Tuffy". I was a bridesmaid at his wedding to my long time friend, Nyline as well as a fellow student at CSU.

Dede Blevins Austin - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Mullison family, he was not only my coach but a good friend and he will be sorley missed.

Ken Hines - September 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Tuffy was a wonderful man who embraced my interest to preserve CSU athletic history. I am very glad I had the chance to know him and also glad Mike could bring him to Colorado Springs last May for Hans Wagner's Wrestling hall of fame induction.

John Hirn - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Tuffy provided me with many great memories during the 1957-58 seasons. He supported me in many ways and opened doors that would otherwise have remained closed. I loved the man and he had my greatest respect. My best wishes and condolences to the family. Bill

Bill Hanks - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear about Tuffy, he was a wonderful man. I knew him when he helped Wag coach by brother Delbert Lockwood, then coached my husband Myron Pearson 1957-1960 in football.

Judith Pearson - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM