



Donald Eugene Carline

April 26, 1929 - January 16, 2011

Donald Eugene Carline, 81, of Fort Collins, died January 16, 2011 at Columbine West Skilled Nursing Facility after a long fight with dementia. Dr. Carline was born April 26, 1929 in McGill, Nevada to Domenic and Mary Carline. After graduating from high school, Don served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1949. He then attained his undergraduate degree in history from Denver University in 1952 and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Don loved baseball and played for the Longview Cherokees in 1952; followed by the Greenville Majors, Bryan/Greenville, Texas in 1953; and then was a catcher for the Cleveland Indians for a short time. Don finished his Masters degree from Denver University in 1955. While earning his Masters degree, Don was teaching in the Denver Public School District and began dating Winifred Miller, another teacher, who later became his wife. Donald and Winifred then taught at Kamehameha School in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1956. He then started his doctoral program at Penn State University in 1957 and finished in 1959. Don was a college professor of elementary education with emphasis on reading disabilities. From 1959-1963 he taught at Emporia State Teachers College in Emporia, Kansas. He then moved his family to Colorado. He was a professor at Colorado State University from 1963-1966, and then at the University of Colorado from 1966-1984. Don finished his career doing what he loved most, teaching children, at Adams School District in Westminster, Colorado in 1984 and retired in 1988. Dr. Carline was a recipient of the Stearns Award for teaching excellence at the University of Colorado. He

was a dynamic speaker. He loved to travel and served as a reading disability consultant for universities in all 50 states. He was president for two years of the International Reading Association, and was one of the nationally renowned specialists for reading disabilities of his time. At the University of Colorado, Don established a reading project for migrant, underprivileged children, which enabled a mobile unit to travel to rural communities in Southern Colorado. Don was a member of the First Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge. Don was a devoted husband and loving father, loved gardening, took great pride in his lawn, garden, and four foot Cannas. He also loved his dogs. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Winifred Irene Carline; two daughters, Marylida Carline-Gilkinson and Shelley Harvey; his mother, Mary Carline; a brother, Thomas Carline, and five grandchildren, Shea and Camille Gilkinson, Cole, Isaac, and Chase Harvey. Preceding Donald in death is his father, Domenic. The family would like to send a special thank you to all the wonderful caregivers at New Mercer Commons and Columbine West Skilled Nursing Facility for the love and care they gave Don. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, on Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Rev. Charlie Patchen will officiate at the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I am so dedicated to all that Dr. Carline taught me. Academics were only a fraction---how to live a good life of service and obligation were part of his mentoring also. I am so pleased I knew him. He made a difference in my life.

Dr. Tom Sherman - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Don was a great friend. We have many memories of our conversations on Colorado sports, Penn State, his dogs, and many other topics. He was always willing to help any student and friend. He will be missed, but the happiness that he brought people will always be remembered.

Dave & Ellen Boles - January 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ My sincere condolences to all of Don's family. I know George always enjoyed working with Don and regarded him highly.

Virginia Febinger - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Wink and Family, We were sorry to hear of Don's death. Our love and sympathy are extended to you. May God give you the grace to face these days ahead. We have Marylida's address so will contact you, Wink, through her. Much love, Joe & Roberta McFarland

Joe & Roberta McFarland - January 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I started first grade with Don in 1934. Our families remained friends. My sympathy to Wink and daughters. Carol

Carol Pearson Storer - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts are with your family. We know you have been missing him a long time already, yet a final parting. We send our condolences.

Jenny and Marshall Chay - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We are thinking of you and send our sincere condolences.

Art and Margaret Harvey - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our sincerest condolences on the loss of Donald. We are deeply saddened by your loss. Mia, Alan and Sherry

Scher Jasper, PLLC - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Goodbye to Don Carline, our brother and friend. You've left many fond memories in your wake with your love, exhuberant personality, good deeds and fine mentoring skills that shall remain with us forever.

Tom and Glenna Carline - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *It sounds like Don had a fulfilling life and contributed much to the world he has left behind. Best wishes to his family and especially to Wink who loved him for so long. Love, Gillian*

Gillian Gardner - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dear ML and Family, We want to express our deepest condolence for the loss of your father. He truly was a remarkable gentleman who contributed a great deal to the welfare of others! Your grief at his passing can only be surpassed by the pride you must feel in him for his many accomplishments! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Mia, Donna and Brian McNulty*

McNulty - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM