



Donald Coming

March 26, 2009

Donald E. Coming, 86, of Fort Collins, died March 26, 2009. Mr. Coming was born May 23, 1922 in Ft. Collins to Alfred I. Coming and Reeta Mary Sullivan Coming. Don's family was one of the first founding families living in Ft. Collins. He also served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy. Donald married Mary Grace Smith on December 29, 1971 in Ft. Collins. He was a welder at Schneidermiller's for many years before working for Poudre Valley REA in auto maintenance. He was a parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church for over 65 years. He was an avid fisherman, a wonderful husband, and a loving father. Survivors include his wife Mary Grace Coming and daughter, Reeta M. Treat both of Ft. Collins; three brothers, William Coming of Cleveland, Ohio, Earl Coming of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Glen Coming of Honduras, and three grandchildren, Alex, Ben, and Grace Treat. Preceding Donald in death are his parents, two sisters, and three brothers. A Rosary will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, Thursday, 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, on Friday, 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery with military honors by the Ft. Collins All Veterans Honor Guard. Father Roger Lascelle will officiate at the services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church or a charity of your choice, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ Dear Mrs.Coming, I never knew either of you very well, but I know you watched my children grow up in the pew just to the left and up from your pew! We always exchanged glances ,waves at the sign of peace and maybe a little small talk before and after Mass. Mr.Coming especially liked to talk to Kimberly and would ask about her when she grew up and moved away. She still has the Rosary he gave her many years ago. I will miss Mr.Coming's presence at church so much, but I bet he's got a front row pew in Heaven now! Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Sincerely, The Kemp Family Ardie and Les Redder

Bonnie Kemp - July 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Mary Grace & Family, Mary Grace, we have lost touch through the years. If you don't remember who I am, just think of our thesis-typing years. I moved away for nearly 4 years after my husband passed away, but missed Colorado so much, I recently moved back. I just noticed the obituary today Sat, 4/4 while reading last week's newspapers, and want to extend my sympathy to you. I know how hard it is to lose someone you love and have spent so many years with. Although I never met Don, my heart and prayers go out to you and I pray for God's supreme comfort and peace for you. He is faithful!

Carol Pohlman - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Don was the patriarch of this enormous family after his father died in 1963. He kept in touch with all of us young and old by telephone and letters for which we will be eternally grateful. His sense of humor was known by everyone whom he touched. Jesus was his Savior and I know he received a fast pass to heaven as he was an unwavering Christian. I will miss him but he is now with his God.

Audrey Coming - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Mary Grace, Reeta, Billy, Earl, Glen, and to all your loved ones. My love and prayers go out to all of you. I spent many special times with the Comings family when I was a young girl. Going to midnight mass at Christmas with them was a memory I will never forget. To be with Donald and talk to him you always felt like you were very close to the Lord. He was a very special person. When he found you Mary Grace it was a match that was made from Heaven. I wrote to Bernerd when he was in the service. Rita and Fred were such wonderful people. There was always laughter and love in the house I miss Charleen and the fond memories I have of the Comings. May the peace of Lord be with you all at this time. God Bless you all,
Dixie LEE Rutterford

Dixie Lee Rutterford - April 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My heart is so heavy with sadness to know that such a joyful spirit will be gone from our presence. Don was such an original, from start to finish. How much love he had for his family and those he kept near him! It was wonderful to know him and his passing is made easier to know that alot of his playful, and joyful nature he gave to his only child, Reeta. And of course, that we will be seeing him again one day; and then maybe we can share some more easter bread and do a little fishing. I send my love and all my especially warm memories of the wonderous time spent in the Comings home, to Mary Grace and Reeta. Be assured he is home now and the best is yet to be!

Stephanie Sell - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Mary Grace and Reeta My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your Girl Scout friend, Kacy Thompson

Kacy Thompson - April 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Don was an early friend and co worker at a time when I needed a friend.. Many memories of him still float in my head . Heaven has a good new helper.. Miss you Don

Ken Schneidmiller - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Mary Grace and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you in the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. I had the privilege of knowing Donald. He was a very kind and gentle person. He was my sister-in-law's Charleene's brother and my niece and nephew Christine and Larry's uncle. He will be missed. Love from Judy Whitmore Miller Riggs

Judith Riggs - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Don Coming always had a twinkle in his eye! He used to always do silly things when I had sleep-overs with Reeta, my best friend. Like the time he sang opera to us--loudly. He seemed to revel in the fact of the chatty little girls always hanging around. Mr. Coming never did anything halfway. And he knew how to live! Enjoying nature -- sitting outside whenever he could, relaxing at the riverside. And lots of laughter -- I remember the laughter in the Coming house where I spent many of my teen hours. And then there was the bread -- he loved it and would hoard the really good stuff in pockets and in his car. We'd find bits of bread wrapped in napkins in the glove and side compartments in the Dodge Colt. And he and Mary Grace were so generous with me -- I'll never forget the amazing experience of driving the Al-Can with them. Mr. Coming was a unique soul who truly seemed to live on another more cool plane than some of us -- like he knew the secret to life and was just waiting for us to figure it out and appreciate it. Mr. Coming will be missed in this life. But somehow I think he's somewhere, eating bread, and having a good time. Bless you Mr. Coming--and bless you Reeta and Mary Grace. -- I grieve with you, P.J. Pageant Junior

Paige Hansen P.J. Cala - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ The Coming & Holzfaster families were long time friends, neighbors & parishioners of Saint Joseph church. Don & I were the last in our families to leave our family homes. Don & my godmother, Amelia Saracino who passed away earlier this month, had a very strong faith that sustained them throughout their lives. Mary Grace, Reeta, Billy Joe, Earl, Glen and their families are in my thoughts & prayers.

Robert Holzfaster - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Mary Grace and Family, Nancy and I are present with you in prayer and spirit. May God be present to you in a very special way during this time. Love and Prayers*

bill coming - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Don was always very dear to me and a few of my favorite memories of growing up with Don like a second father to me include our fishing trips..I fished he slept; hiking in snow to find a Christmas tree;the wonderful trips to PoudreValley Rec Park for great family picnics and reunions; how he would accomodate Mom by taking her on Sunday drives to Lapote Co stopping at Iverson's Dairy for banana splits;playing horseshows together;teaching me to drive;our wonderful ski trips to Aspen where he taught me to ski; his long moments of meditation and singing in the choir and in our basement;my sweet tooth comes from his hiding candy all over the house; how generous he was with his time visiting the sick,neighbors, and nursing homes; always keeping in touch with all the forgotten relatives;and forever supportive of all my activites and adventures.Thanks big brother for all your love and all your little miracles.It will be a challenge for God to love you as you have loved so many including me. My prayers and support to Mary Grace and Reeta..what great gifts and companionship God provided to Don.*

Glen Coming,baby brother - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM