



## Donald Leo Figurski

October 4, 1925 - October 13, 2011

Donald Leo Figurski, loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, died October 13, 2011 at Columbine West Nursing Home in Fort Collins, Colorado. Leo was born October 4, 1925 to Florence and Joseph Figurski. Leo was raised in Grand Junction, Colorado with brother, Buster deceased and sisters, LaVeta Lorimor and Mary French, who survive. He earned his commission and pilot wings in the Army Air Corps in 1945 and proceeded to serve as a flight instructor until 1950, flying atomic energy geologists throughout the four corners area during the uranium boom. He then went on to earn his Master's degree in Agriculture at Colorado State University in 1959. Following his marriage to Betty Anderson, who survives, in 1955, Leo worked for Colorado A & M Cooperative Extension Service, moving from Salida to Fort Collins to Akron before going to work for the Kansas Cooperative Extension Service in Hiawatha, Kansas in 1966. During that time, Leo and Betty were blessed with four children; Marcia Richards Steve Nelson of Ft. Collins, Patricia Hellmer Dennis of Overland Park, Kansas, Cheryl of Boise, Idaho, and Mike Tiphonie of Colorado Springs who also survive. Following his retirement from KSU Extension in Manhattan, Kansas in 1989, Leo and Betty moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. An accomplished and generous stained glass artist, Leo was an active volunteer in every community in which he lived and loved fishing, hiking, gardening and photography. An active member of each, Leo asked that memorials and remembrances, in lieu of flowers, be directed to his Poudre Golden Kiwanis Club or the senior

programs of First Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. The family, including grandchildren David and Amy Richards of Fort Collins, Michael Roberts of Boise, Idaho, Randy Hellmer of Overland Park, Kansas, Erik Hellmer of Wichita, Kansas and Allyssa, Adam, Kevin and Christine Figurski of Colorado Springs invite friends to attend a memorial service for Leo at 10:00 a.m. on November 4, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave. in Fort Collins, Colorado.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. I know Leo is greatly loved and greatly missed. May the peace of Christ console you.

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**Audrey and Jerry Moran** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Betty: Although we have not been in touch for some time, Mae & I will always remember the enjoyable monthly sessions at each others home to play bridge. Don & Mae Espeland

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**Don & Mae Espeland** - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ God Bless all the Family! Leo was a dear friend and co-worker that I have known since the early 50's. We will really miss him. I believe the Good Lord has a time for all of us to go, but find it is still hard. God Bless Him! Ralph and Marilyn

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**Ralph Kotich** - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Betty, My sympathy to you and your family for your loss. I remember Leo as having a quiet demeanor but a quick smile. He will be missed but I'm sure you have many fond memories to get you through the grieving process. I am still working in the Controller's Office changed name to Div. of Financial Services. Am looking forward to retirement in the not too distant future. Take care and God Bless! Doug

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**Doug Ackley** - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Betty & Family: We were sad to hear about Leo. What a great man he was. May his loving memories comfort you in the days ahead. Praying and thinking of all of you! Brenda & Vernon Schaffer*

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**Brenda Schaffer** - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Leo was the best brother to my Mom, Mary, he always kept in touch and wanted to know how she was doing. I believe life would have been harder for her without Leo when they where kids and thru out life.*

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**Debby French** - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM