



Earl Snyder

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Earl Snyder of Fort Collins, formerly of Loveland, Colorado, and Lake Worth, Florida, passed away on January 16, 2014. Earl James Snyder was born April 10, 1927, in Newburgh, New York, to Edward Frederick Snyder and Lydia Marie Znamenacek Snyder. Earl moved to Fort Collins with his mother and older brother, Richard Snyder, when he was a toddler. Earl spent his childhood in Fort Collins, graduating from Fort Collins High in 1945, and then served in the US Army immediately afterward. After he was released from the Army on December 22, 1946, he attended Colorado A & M, which is now Colorado State University. Two years later, he was hired by the US postal service where he worked in Fort Collins and Wellington for 34 years until his retirement in 1982. In 1954, Earl married Stella Trembley and had five children. His family was of primary importance to him throughout his life. Stella and Earl divorced in 1982. Earl loved the outdoors. He was an avid hiker, swimmer, fisherman, and beach bum. He was also an accomplished dancer, enjoying square dancing, international folk dancing, contra dancing, ballroom dancing, and western swing. A lively polka was a personal favorite. Fortunately, he passed down his love of these activities by sharing his interests with his five children. Earl will be remembered by friends and family for his gentle spirit, easy-going attitude, and subtle sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him. Earl is survived by his five children: Jay Snyder, Nola McMillen, Rex Snyder, Ward Snyder, and Amy Gregory all of northern Colorado; his siblings Richard Snyder Littleton, Mildred Saylor Lake Worth,

Florida, Katherine Graves Lake Worth, Florida, and Edward Snyder, Jr. Tallahassee, Florida; three grandchildren Colin Keney, Shauna Brake, and Ryan McMillen; three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his special friend, Sandra Holleman, of Jupiter, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Walter Snyder; and his sister, Gladys Rodberg. The family would like to send special thanks to the staff and residents of Clare Bridge of Fort Collins for the loving community they offered Earl. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Following a 1:00 p.m. memorial service at Grandview Cemetery, friends and family are invited to a reception to celebrate Earl's life beginning at 2:00 on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Hilton Fort Collins, 425 West Prospect Road.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Our fond memories of Earl are our comfort at this sad time. Thinking of them will help us heal. love to all.

Jean McKissick - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to your family. The Wilborns

Greg Wilborn - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Bill and I send our love to Earl's children, family and friends. I remember him smiling as he danced around.

Peggy Sharp - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I enjoyed my visits with Earl a few years ago and am happy for the opportunity to get to know him late in his life. Jay, Nola, Ward, Rex, Amy and your extended families, I am sorry for your loss and send you wishes for peaceful hearts.

Karen Berger - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I was so sad to learn that your father had passed. Earl was such sweet,quite spirit. My prayers are with you.

lori jeffers - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We are sending all our love to the family. May time help you heal from this loss. Keep dancing, fishing, traveling & smiling. With love & fond memories, Marco & Krystal Parish

Mark & Krystal Parish - January 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Uncle Earl was such a sweet man. My memories of him are all good ones that include his smiling face. He will be missed dearly!

Michelle Silva - January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Deepest sympathy, Rex on your loss. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Cyril and Mitch - January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ So sorry for your loss, Brenda and Rex. I know he will be deeply missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the many wonderful memories bring you peace.

Carole & Gary Fitzgerald - January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Uncle Earl was always such a kid at heart. One of my favorite memories of him was a few years back at the Easter gathering in the park when he was trying to climb the tree. He will be missed!!!

Kim Stanley - January 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ We will all miss Earl very much. We enjoyed playing pool and cards with him when he was in Florida. You are all in our prayers. May God comfort you and give you His peace.

Pat Snyder - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ We were so saddened to hear about Uncle Earl's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in Colorado during this difficult time.

Beth Gist - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Earl was one of the people who introduced me to folk dancing in about 1970. He and Nola used to give me rides to the dances. He taught me to do the Hambo by saying "Pick up both your feet and turn around." He made a huge difference in my life. My love to all his family.

Karen Deal Robinson - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Goodbye cousin. Thanks for the good times. Will miss you.

Rose Kremers - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I thank my dad for taking me hiking and dancing. I'm glad he got to live a long and comfortable life. We had a lot of fun visiting our relatives in Florida and swimming and canoeing and driving way too much.

Jay Snyder - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Amy: I have never suffered such loss so I am at a loss to understand what must be the difficulty of dealing with this event. I hope that you have peace and that this helps solidify your family. Best of luck and best of wishes. Michael.

Michael Winterson - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Earl, you will be missed and you are loved. I am so very happy that I got to visit you in July 2012 with my two daughters and I always enjoyed playing cards with you in Lake Worth.

Ed & Martha Snyder - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Uncle Earl was one of the happiest, smiley-est, easy going people I've ever known!! We all loved him and will miss him dearly. To our Colorado family, you are in our thoughts and prayers at this impossibly difficult time.

Gena Lee Ohman - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ We have so many fond memories of our family get togethers and card games with our brother Earl in Florida. Our hearts are heavy with sadness at this time. With loving memories, Kathy & Gene

Kathy & Gene Graves - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers for the family and all of those who knew and loved Earl. From my dear friend's Nola's stories I got to know what a wonderful man he was - full of life, joy and love for his children. May he rest in peace.

Adrija Jackson - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM