



Frederick Donald Galyardt

July 26, 1935 - November 3, 2025

Frederick Donald Galyardt passed away peacefully on November 3, 2025 after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Don was born on July 26, 1935 in Fort Collins, Colorado to Herman and Odelia (Hergert) Galyardt. He grew up on a farm in northern Colorado and graduated from Timnath High School in 1953. In 1955, he married Patsy Louise Fossett. They were married for 67 years until her passing in 2022.

Don worked for the United States Postal Service in Fort Collins for 37 years. He started as a city carrier but later had a rural mail route and delivered mail east of town. He loved visiting with all the farmers and if needed, stopping to help retrieve a stray cow or horse. He was so proud to be the recipient of the USPS million mile club accident free award, presented to him by The National Safety Council. Needless to say, he was a good driver and enjoyed driving anywhere. Many family vacations included long trips in the car!

After retiring from the USPS, he worked for Spradley Barr as a courtesy driver. He enjoyed this job too as he could drive and meet new people all at the same time! He never knew a stranger.

Don and Patsy lived in Fort Collins until 1983 when they moved to a small acreage in Loveland. They enjoyed having horses and various animals over

their 42 years there. He loved the outdoors and whenever you went to visit you would usually find him out in the barn or in the garden! Don and Patsy loved to travel and even went to Sartov, Russia to visit where his mother was born. They enjoyed spending time at their cabin at Red Feather Lakes and in their later years would spend the winter months at their second home in Arizona. There he loved spending time with their “snowbird” friends.

Memories the grandkids and great grandkids have are endless; being pulled behind his horse on an inner tube in the snow, being tucked in at night by the fireplace, cooking and eating pancakes, driving way too fast over the hills on Taft Hill Road, looking for newborn kittens in the barn’s hay loft, fishing, climbing trees at his house, watching a baby colt grow up, learning the right way to stack hay, honking at invisible chickens in the road, letting them drive his car and tractor long before driving age, listening to his childhood stories. He loved to tease the grandkids and always made them laugh. His great grandchildren held a special place in his heart and he loved when they came to visit.

Don was a member of Faith Community Church in Longmont.

Don is survived by his children Debra (Rod) Ferrell, David (Joan) Galyardt, his grandchildren Kimberli (Dustin) Grantham, Katie (Kevin)Sturgill, Neil (Stephanie) Ferrell, Emily (Kevin) Hawkins and Drew (Erika)Galyardt, eight great grandchildren and his sister Carol Arnold. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patsy, twin sisters Arlene Propp and Darlene Helzer and one grandchild, Jenna Galyardt.

The family would like to thank Greeley Village for the kind, patient and compassionate care they provided during Don’s time with them.

A graveside service followed by a reception will be held on Saturday,

December 13, 2025 at 11:30 am at Resthaven Memory Gardens, 8426 US 287, Fort Collins, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Alzheimer's Association.

In the event of inclement weather, please contact Resthaven Memory Gardens regarding possible cancellation of the service.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery
8426 S. College Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Don was one of the all time greats at the Post Office! I worked next to him for 10 years. He was so funny, while being a fast, accurate rural carrier. He was always fun to be around whether at Post Office or somewhere else. Those of us who knew Don were truly blessed.. My husband, also was sad to see Don has passed. He said that Don was such a “neat guy!” Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.



Peggy Brewster - December 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

GH

“ I really loved “Fred” & “Weeze” so many great memories. So sorry for your loss.

Gwen Hayden - November 26, 2025 at 04:31 PM

JS

“ Sending our condolences and thoughts to the Galyardt Family during this difficult time in the loss of Don, may all the wonderful memories sustain you during this time.
The Schotts
Jerry, Donna and Family

Jerry Schott - November 14, 2025 at 01:10 PM

KR

“ Don was my first carrier to train me as his sub on Route 4 in eastern Larimer county and into parts of Weld. Patient and understanding of someone who was a rank beginner to the Post Office. We had a good time training together, then he as my boss when I learned the route. Sad to read of his passing. Karen Ragan

Karen S Ragan - November 11, 2025 at 09:24 PM



Karen, thank you for sharing your story. Even through all the Alzheimer's, my grandpa would always bring back stories of his post office days. I often telling stories of riding horses to deliver mail on the rural routes. He certainly loved that job and everyone he worked with, thank you for being a part of that.

Neil Ferrell - November 12, 2025 at 10:02 AM

RT

“ Don and Patsy were good friends of my parents, Keith and Marie Hulbert. Don and dad worked at the post office together for many years. Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Galyardt family. Rae Hulbert Timme

Rae Timme - November 11, 2025 at 01:55 PM



Rae, thank you for the thoughts and prayers. My gramps certainly loved everyone he worked with. Although this seems minute, we appreciate the impact your dad, Keith, had on my grandpa. Thanks you for taking a moment to share.

Neil Ferrell - November 12, 2025 at 10:08 AM