



Freeman George Schofield

August 10, 1914 - February 12, 2016

Freeman George Schofield, 101, of Pierce, Colorado bid this earth farewell February 12, 2016. He was born on August 10, 1914 in Parsons, Kansas, to Lester Schofield and Helen LeMoine Schofield. The family traveled by covered wagon to Bellvue, Colorado, in 1920, where they lived in a large two-story house, known as the Beehive Hotel.

He attended Cache la Poudre school in LaPorte, Colorado. His prowess in football earned him a scholarship to Princeton, which he was unable to accept. He graduated in the spring of 1934. He married his sweetheart, Hattie Rebecca Mackey on July 29, 1934. They had three children, Larry Freeman Schofield, Elma Josephine Johnston, and Betty June Friend.

Freeman worked for Boettcher Cement Plant for forty years, retiring in June of 1978. The couple sold the family home in Bellvue and moved to Topeka, Kansas in 1987 to be near daughter, Betty. In November 1994 they moved back to Colorado, settling in Pierce in a home they shared with Betty and her husband, Larry Friend.

During his long life, he enjoyed many hobbies: gardening, hunting, fishing, camping, oil painting, lapidary, woodworking, and leather crafting. He entertained family and friends with his storytelling. A few years ago he wrote his memoirs as a legacy for family. He had a keen interest in sports, especially

following his favorite teams. He had an inquisitive mind, and loved reading and learning. He was an affable, true friend to many, known as a steadfast and honest man to all who knew him.

Along with his wife, Freeman was active in their church. His life was a testament to his deep abiding faith in God.

Loving and devoted patriarch, husband, brother, and father, Freeman is survived by his eldest sister, Lottie King, who will be 103 in March; son, Larry F. Schofield and wife, Lorene of Circleville, Ohio; daughter, Elma Jo Johnston and husband, Kenneth Johnston of Klamath Falls, Oregon; daughter, Betty June Friend and husband, Larry Friend of Pierce; Grandchildren: Christina Taylor, Sondra Nowajeski, Deana McCabe, Norma Brown, Tamela Moreno, Roxan Powell, Heidi Pamplin, Heather Breckenridge, David Friend, Angela Huck, and spouses of each. Also surviving are thirty great grandchildren and twelve great-great grand children.

Freeman was preceded in death by his wife, Hattie Rebecca Mackey Schofield; grandsons, Shawn Michael Friend and Stephen Moore; and sister, Zella Mae Woods who died January 17, 2016.

The family extends their appreciation to the Hospice of Northern Colorado for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Evangelical Free Church of Eaton, or the Hospice of Northern Colorado in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

The Funeral Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Graveside Service at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Walden Cemetery in Walden, Colorado.

Cemetery Details

Walden Cemetery

Walden, CO

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 26. 9:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB 26. 1:30 PM (MT)

Walden Cemetery
Walden, CO

Tribute Wall

TB

“ My dad is this guys nephew apaently I never met him proabably because Ken is an anti-social narrissist but he comes by it honest. I have heard the name as my grandmother (Hazle Blakeslee) would grunt about "eeeeeh Hatie and Freeman" like she was passing her morning bowl movment this guy lived to 102? who may the gods help us all if my dad lives that long

Trent Blakeslee - October 09, 2024 at 11:20 PM

AB

“ I'm a niece-in-law (Ken Blakeslee's wife) but I always enjoyed visiting Freeman and Hattie. I remember when my daughter, Hannah was just a month or so old, we visited Schofields. Freeman did not know me well and he asked me timidly if he could hold my baby. I said "of course" and he just beamed. He seemed to love holding the little ones. What a gentle, kind man. Most of my memories of him include a smile on his face. Blessings to all as you mourn your loss. Ann Blakeslee (nephew Ken Blakeslee's wife)

Ann Blakeslee - February 24, 2016 at 08:14 PM

SO

“ Freeman was a very special man with great talents, a great outdoors man, writer, inventor and devoted to his family. Freeman was my grandfather and a great one. He shared so many of this stories and had a great sense of humor. I have so many special memories of him (making old fashion ice cream on the porch). Grandma and Grandpa's was were we felt at home. We will miss him, but now he can keep an eye on Grandma who I'm sure he has missed so much over the last years. Love you, and thank you for all you gave us. Sondra

Sondra - February 19, 2016 at 02:03 PM