



George L. Dischinger, Jr.

March 17, 1925 - September 1, 2009

George L. Dischinger, Jr., a Fort Collins community volunteer and former resident of Rochester, New York, died on September 1. He was 84. George was born on March 17, 1925 in Youngstown, Ohio to George L. and Gertrude L. Dischinger. He grew up in North Tonawanda, New York. During World War II, George was selected to participate in the Navy's V-12 program and, as part of the program, obtained a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia. After the war, he attended the University of Rochester and attained a B.A. in English. He became an officer in the Marine Corps and served in the Korean War. Later he received an M.A. from the University of Rochester. When George returned from Korea in 1953, he began work at the University of Rochester, where he served for many years as the Director of Admissions and Student Aid. Later in his career at the University of Rochester, he worked in Alumni Relations and in Corporate and Foundation Relations. He retired from the University of Rochester in 1990 but continued to work as a teacher's aid for children with learning challenges until he moved to Fort Collins in 1999. In 1949, he married Bette Wadsworth in Rochester. George and Bette had four children, Susan Kirkpatrick Allan, George L. Dischinger, III, Tom Dischinger Sylvia and John Dischinger Mindy Rex. Bette died in 1991. George and Grace Zach married in 2000. George and Grace enjoyed the performing and visual arts, supporting non-profit organizations and lunching out. George relished life and made friends easily. He leaves a loving family. In addition to his wife, children and their spouses, he is survived by his grandchildren, Anne and

Robert Kirkpatrick Kristin; George L., Henry, Benjamin, Andrew, Eleanor and Jack Dischinger. His brother, Gerald Dischinger Margy; and his sister Alice Pascucci survive, along with Grace's children, Randy Zach, Diane Zach and special family friends, Sue White and Denise Docter. A celebration of George's life will take place on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1208 W. Elizabeth St. The community concert scheduled Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Griffin Concert Hall at CSU will be an added tribute to George Dischinger's role in bringing Yihan Chen to Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or to a charity of your choice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

RC

“ in 1964, I was accepted as an undergraduate to the University of Rochester. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Dischinger in person, but I still have the letter of acceptance which was signed by him. I worked in Ft. Collins Colorado in 1990 and '91 and did not know he had relocated there, or I certainly would have gotten in touch with him. I regret that I did not find the announcement of his passing until just now, nearly 3 years later.

Robert Cohen - April 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ The summer after my junior year at The University of Rochester, I worked in the Admissions Office where I met George. At the time I knew him as my kind and good tempered boss who obviously loved The UofR and the students he served. Imagine my delight when I began as a volunteer at PVH forty years later to once again meet up with him. We often visited both at PVH and at Symphony concerts. What a charming and kind man. We will miss him.

Peggy & David Lindstrom - September 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Many thoughts of George come to mind as I fondly think of him. He was of great help to my two children Emily and James, back at Jefferson Avenue Elementary School, Fairport, NY. Although Emily is now a junior at Bentley Univ./MA, and James is a senior at Fairport High School they both remember with great smiles when we met George out for ice cream cones! I have thought of him many times through out the years and wondered how he was doing out in Fort Collins? I still have his wedding announcement with a picture of he and Grace sitting amongst our family photos, and of course the one with my children and George at the Ice Cream Parlor! Your husband, father, grandfather, and my friend will be dearly missed. You are all in my prayers with loving thoughts of a genuine gentleman that had a smile that could make the darkest days bright! Peace and Gods love to you all. Most sincerely, Christine Downs

Christine Downs - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We were sad to hear about George's passing. It was good to know him. He was dedicated to his volunteer and educational efforts. Our thoughts and prayers are with Grace and families. With sincere sympathy, Ray and Jeanette

Ray and Jeanette Williams - September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Grace and family, My condolences to you all for the loss of George. I was blessed to have taken care of him multiple times, as well have worked with him at PVH. His positive spirit, love of his family & friends, and love of life made caring for him in the acute setting a rewarding experience. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Julie Detets PVHS RN

Julie Detets - September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I started working at the University of Rochester in 1963. George was my first department head, and I worked for him for 7 1/2 years. I have very fond memories of him! And he was very well respected by everyone! My thoughts and prayers are with you! Janet Wood

Janet Wood - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Please accepts my condolences on the loss of George. I work at Poudre Valley Hospital in Admitting so I worked closely with George. He was a wonderful man with a wonderful smile and he will be missed.

Linda Tryon - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ When we think of George, we see a gentle man with a kind smile and sparkling eyes. His accomplishments are remarkable, yet his humility seemed dominant. We first met him in 1998 when Susan was running for the 4th Congressional District. He helped organize volunteers and especially appreciated the way Grace Zach instructed us on the proper way to insert stuffings into envelopes. What a gift Fort Collins received when he moved here and became Grace's ardent admirer. We send you our deepest sympathy and gratitude for the joy he brought to so many.

Kathy and Randy Fischer - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ It was my pleasure to serve the University of Rochester along side George. He was a shining light in our professional lives. The University and its community are better because of him. Well done George. Meliora

Jack Kreckel - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ George was a wonderful, cheerful, man, and had a great sense of humour. I enjoyed working with him, and thanks to him, we are still sending all the frogs back to Frogtown!

Aine Barrett - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Dear Grace, Susan and your families, My deep sympathy.

Virginia Febinger - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ In life, Jesus holds our hand and walks with us throughout our journey of faith. In death, He lifts us up into His very presence so that we can walk with Him forever, face to face. –Roy Lessin On behalf of the MCL Auxiliary of Northern Colorado I wanted to extend our sympathy. I pray that you find some comfort that although Mr. Dischinger was a stranger to some—his service to America is appreciated. Respectfully, Diann Dean Chaplain Representing: Dee, Marilyn, Joyce, Nancy D., Kathy, Sue, Nancy F., Kelly, Laurie, Linda, Ruth K., Lara, Connie, Ethel, Traci, Nicki, Lainie, Rudi, Virginia, Cori, Neva, Shawna, Janelle, Margaret, Bonnie, Ruth W. and Trudy

Diann Dean, Chaplain MCL Aux. - September 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Grace, Sue, John, Tom and Chip Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We were sure lucky to have great Dad's and a best friend all these years. I will always remember the great times seeing Uncle George and chatting with him and Grace. Wish I could be with you guys at this time to see you all and be together. But Deb and I are with you and think about you for many hours of the day. Our love and prayers to all of you. Uncle Paul as Dad Uncle George called me. Wish this had spell check.

Paul Pascucci and Debbie Fullone - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *It was a privilege to have known George. He was an amazing man who led an extraordinary life and enjoyed the love and respect of a great many people. He will be missed.*

Donna Hanks & Thom Sibilsky - September 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM