



Harley Duane Allbrandt

September 10, 2012 - September 10, 2012

Harley Duane Allbrandt, 79, passed away September 7, 2012, in Fort Collins. Harley was born in Fort Collins on September 4, 1933, to Herman and Ethel Day Allbrandt, the youngest of eight children. Born into the throes of the Great Depression, he learned early the virtues of hard work and thrift. He graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1952. Following high school, he served two years in the army and was stationed in Japan. While serving as a private in the Army, he learned the value of an education. At the end of his military service, he returned to Fort Collins and took advantage of the GI bill to earn a degree in Industrial Arts from CSU, the first in his family to do so. During college he worked at a gravel company, rising early in the morning to go to work before class. This same strong work ethic was evident throughout his life. In the 1960s, he was employed at Martin Marietta in Denver. In 1965, he returned to Fort Collins where he worked for more than 20 years for Jack Henry Excavating. He later retired from the Fort Collins-Loveland Water District, where he rarely missed a day of work. He retired from there in 1999. Harley was the father of three: Clifton, Benjamin, and Alison. He took great pride in his children's accomplishments and interest in their activities. When his sons were young he participated in Boy Scouts with them. He never missed his children's school band concerts. Harley marveled at the outdoors, and especially loved to fish and spend time in the mountains. During his mother's lifetime, he always took her fishing on opening day. He also enjoyed playing bridge, country western swing dancing, woodworking and auto

mechanics. With a creative and visual mind, he always had materials for his next "project" on hand. A generous and outgoing person, Harley used to say, "I never met a stranger." Harley is survived by a brother, Ralph; and his wife, JoAnn Fort Collins; daughter, Alison Day and her husband, Pat Clements Johnstown; son, Clif and his wife, Lynn Crocker Aurora; son, Ben and his wife, Jill and their daughters, Melissa and Sarah Newport News, VA. A memorial service to celebrate Harley's life will be held with Reverend Laurel Liefert officiating at the Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, on Friday, September 14, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ I was very sorry to read that Harley had passed. It brought a smile to my face to see his picture and his smile. My heart felt sympathy to his family.

Crissy Henry - September 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To Ben and the other Allbrandt kin whether by blood, marriage, or just plain love - I never met Harley, but I heard the stories of his quick grin and clever wit. If Ben's ability to tell a tale is any reflection of his father's, then the world has lost quite a fine character.

jenny DeArmond - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I have had the pleasure of taking care of Harley for the last two years at his home. He was a kindhearted man who always showed interest and concern for the people around him. He had quite a sense of humor and kept us chuckling. He will be greatly missed.

Beth Juhl - September 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Dear Alison, We send you loving thoughts as you grieve the loss of your father. Cherish the good memories and feel his presence with you in those. NUUC

Vicki and Tom Clark - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Rest in piece Uncle Harley. Thanks for always being loving and supportive. Your uplifting views of life will stay with me always. Fly with nature and be well. Until we meet again.... ! Love you.

Tammy Ellefson - September 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To the family of Harley Albrandt At times like this, it's hard to find the words that best convey The many thoughts of sympathy our hearts would like to say, But may it somehow help to know that though our words are few, We all are thinking of you now and share this loss with you. We were sorry to hear of Harley's passing. Our heart goes out to you now for this loss. You're in our thoughts and prayers. The Chance Family - Phyllis, Pat, Jan and Doug

Doug Heustis - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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LL

“ My heart goes out to Harley's family and friends, especially to his children Clif, Ben, and Alison. Thank you for sharing so many stories with me about your father, a true diamond in the rough. I wish I could have met him. I'm sure he would have made me laugh. Please gentle with one another and yourselves as you grieve and give thanks for his life. Know that even now he is not far from you.

Laurel Liefert - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Alison and Family - I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Julie

Julie Finn - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I had the pleasure of being Harley's CNA for a a couple of years. I will miss him very much. He was one of a kind and I loved my daily visits with him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Jennifer Rose - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Alison, we're so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. It sounds like he lead a very full and interesting life and we hope you will eventually find peace with his passing. Bill and Elaine

Bill and Elaine Rosquist - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. He was such a fun guy.

Gladys Ellerman - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I remember our high school days at FCHS class of '52. Rest in peace old friend. Jerry Stroh

Jerry Stroh - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Hello Allison and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Fathers are so special, and I think especially for their daughters. I hope the wonderful memories of your father sustain you through this difficult time. Sincerely, Carol nuuc

Carol Taylor - September 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Everytime I saw my Uncle Harley he displayed his zest for life. He coined my nick name as a kid, Rosser. He used to yell, "It's a Rosser" when I would run into the house. Harley always valued what we where doing as kids and adults and that I will always appreciate. I'll never forget him standing up and hollering and clapping louder than anyone as I crossed the stage at my high school graduation. I also have fond memeories of our lunches when I was in school at CSU. He used to try to get me to double date with him with two college girls of course. He always made me feel important. I'll will miss him and his spirit. We all had better lives because he was a part of ours!

Ross,Beth and Abby Hutchinson - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I didn't know Harley for very long, but he was a real hoot to work with! I am a CNA who worked with him at home, he always had a please & thank you & kept me laughing. I am sorry for your loss. I hope Sioux will have a good loving home to go to.

Lynn St.John - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EA

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Elaine Allbrandt - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Harley was my favorite Uncle. He and I worked together for years and will be sadly missed. He was a guy with a constant sense of humor and a great friend. God Bless him & his family.

Dale Henry - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Sincerely sorry to hear about this. Your family is in our prayers!
Lanie

Lanie Dart - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I have a lot of happy memories with your family, and will always remember Harley's sense of humor, all of the games we used to play, and cookouts at Ralph and Jo Ann's. I am so sorry to read of his passing. May God bless you all.

Ann Wenneker - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Harley was bigger than life, a unique character all his own, and a great Dad.

Robin Stitzel - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ Uncle; Rest in Peace!

Larry VanHenry - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I am so sorry to hear that Harley is no longer on this earth. He was one of the most wonderful men I have ever met. Thank you for the opportunity I had to help take care of him and all the fond memories. I will never forget him and will always miss his wonderful smile and dancing blue eyes. His colorful personality always brought a smile to my face. God bless your family always. Jenee

Jenee Jacksn - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Allison, please know that my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Your Dad seemed to be a very proud family man. I admire a person with that quality. Jess and Sharon Ramirez

Sharon Ramirez - September 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM