



## Harold Irving Bacheller Jr.

May 26, 1934 - June 6, 2015

Harold Irving “Bud” Bacheller, Jr. passed away unexpectedly at the age of 81 on June 6, 2015.

Bud leaves behind his “perfect family” of two boys and two girls. He had a kind and gentle optimistic soul with a wonderful sense of humor and laugh that was always accompanied by a smile. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bud was born May 26, 1934 in Casper, Wyoming. He was the second child of Harold and Stella Bacheller. He was raised in Casper except a short time while the family lived in Cheyenne.

He graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper in 1952. Then he attended the University of Wyoming and pledged Phi Delta Theta fraternity and graduated in 1956 with a political science major and history minor then attended the College of Law. On June 11, 1958 he married his soul mate Doris Roberta “Bertie” Luman. They moved to Denver where he began a career in banking as Assistant Vice President at the First National Bank in Denver. He graduated from the CU School of Banking and the OU National Commercial Lending School. He went on to charter the Bank of Applewood in Wheatridge as Vice President and was instrumental in the development of the Mountain States Bancard Assoc. (MasterCharge). Bud and Bertie raised their family in Arvada and later moved to Fort Collins in 1979 to accept a position

as Vice President/Cashier of the Fort Collins National Bank. He continued his career as a personal financial planner for IDS Financial Services and retired from Ameriprise Financial Services in 2014.

Bud's passion was his work and his family, but especially his beloved wife Bertie who preceded him in death by less than one year. Together they worked side-by-side in several small business ventures and raising their family and as recent as 2013 working on the hay crew of the Luman Ranch. He was a member and past president of the Fort Collins Lions Club.

He is survived by his faithful companion Petie the corgi and four children and their families: Harold I. "Bud" Bacheller III ( Margaret "Meg"), Harold I. "Buddy" IV and Aidan of Centennial, CO; Susan "Susie" Bacheller-Stewart (Dave Stewart), Abigail and Amelia of Fort Collins, CO; Charles "Chuck" Bacheller (Kristine "Kris") of Pinedale, Wyo., Andrew "Andy" and Rebecca "Becky" and three step children; Linda Bacheller of Broomfield, CO; and his sister Jean Mitchell of Hayward, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday June 11 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins, CO, a Rosary will precede at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. A reception will be held in Meredith Hall following the Interment.

Donations can be made to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Please add Bud's name to the memo line.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 11. 1:30 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Funeral Mass

JUN 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521  
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# Tribute Wall

TT

“ *My sincere condolences to all of you. I worked with Bud at the bank. He was one of the best bosses I've ever had. Although he made us work, hard, we also laughed, hard. In fact, I can still picture him laughing so hard he cried. Good memories and good times. My hope is that in the weeks and months to come you all draw on your good memories and good times and they will bring you much comfort*

*Toni Thompson.*

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**toni thompson** - June 11, 2015 at 06:58 PM

TJ

“ *Susan and David, you have our sincerest condolences on the loss of Bud. We were lucky enough to have him all those years as our financial adviser and got to know what a quality person he was. Tom and Trisha Jones*

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**Tom and Trisha Jones** - June 11, 2015 at 01:51 PM

JC

“ *I always loved how kind "Mr Bachellor" was to his daughter Linda, my super great grade school buddy!!! He had that easy laugh deep laugh and always a kind word for us girls! My prayers are with you all! He was always so fun to see at swim meets and carpooling as was Mrs. Bachellor and I can only imagine how much you miss him and your sweet mom. Much Love, Jeannette (Beitz) Crawshaw*

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**jeannette crawshaw** - June 11, 2015 at 01:16 AM

AK

*I just learned that my team working partner at the First National Bank of Denver has passed. There were six of us on the systems team. I am now the only surviving member at age 85 and still working in our family bank. God be with the descendants of Bud and Bertie.*

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**Alfred Kreps** - March 13, 2018 at 02:19 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Keri** - June 10, 2015 at 11:34 PM

KE

“ *We look upward and know that our Bear is hoping dear Bud and Bertie will take him on a walk. Dakota, who joined us after Bear's passing, was working hard on his walking manners so he might soon know the joy of meeting Petie and Bud. We can't tell you how sorely Bud will be missed. What great joy it has been, also, to observe the love of this wonderful family as Bud's girls shared those oh-so-important walks.*

*Our hearts absolutely break over the loss of Bud, but are ever so much bigger for having known him. Blessings to you all and thank you for sharing the love of your family. How it has blessed us.  
Keri -- on behalf of Kelly, Karson, and Bear*

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**Keri** - June 10, 2015 at 11:11 PM

JS

“ I went through school with "Bud" in Casper and have remained friends with him ever since then. He was one of the most friendly and nice men I have known. He was "Good People" I have had contact with him during the past year and know how grieved he has been. Honestly, I believe he died of a broken heart as his grief at losing his wife was so intense. I send my deepest expressions of sympathy to all of you the family. May you always find comfort in knowing you got to share your lives with him.  
Jessie Swearingen, Farmington, NN

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**Jessie Swearingen** - June 10, 2015 at 10:32 AM

JT

“ I see by the comments all have talked about Bud's smile, wit, and wisdom. Bud had a way of making you feel comfortable and important around him, He and Bertie were great friends to my Dad and Mom and my family. But when I think of Bud I think of how much of a role model he was to me. Kind and always positive full of love. A great Man. To the Bacheller family we all feel your loss. I am just thankful for having know Bud

*I will miss him James Thurber*

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**James Thurber** - June 10, 2015 at 10:07 AM

BL

“ *It was with a heavy heart that I learned of Bud's death. I greatly appreciated his quick wit, ready smile and unwavering appreciation of the principles upon which this nation was founded. During the years we shared membership in the Fort Collins Lions Club, Bud and I enjoyed many splendid moments and for that and for him I am thankful.*

*My wife and I extend our deepest sympathy to Bud's family.*

*Bill Lentz*

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**Bill Lentz** - June 10, 2015 at 07:02 AM

SB

“ *My condolences to all my Bacheller cousins. I am so grateful to your dad, Bud, and all the wisdom he shared so generously with me. Thank you for being a part of my family. My thoughts are with everyone during this difficult time.*



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**Stephanie Bacheller** - June 10, 2015 at 02:28 AM

JD

“ Well, I'm not sure what I would have done without my "extra" dad -- but I do know this, I paid more in interest on that \$500 loan than I probably should have! Lessons learned, lessons learned. :) There wasn't a kinder, more gentle man with charm and a laugh that warmed any room, party, family gathering. He was bigger than life and always full of life, too. So grateful for the chats, giggles, advice, and mostly the hugs. No doubt mom and dad met him at "the" gates with a batch of the "mixture" to celebrate his coming home. Love to all of you -- we'll celebrate in spaghetti dinner style soon!

*Jane & Ken Dvorak*

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**Jane Dvorak** - June 09, 2015 at 09:40 PM

FL

“ Ron and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Bacheller family. Bud was always a smiling face at our Lions club meetings and he will missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Past Council Chair Ron and Lion Faye Lockner Ft Collins Lions Club

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**Faye Lockner** - June 09, 2015 at 08:49 PM

CS

“ Connie Seaworth-Roper lit a candle in memory of Harold Irving Bacheller Jr.



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**Connie Seaworth-Roper** - June 09, 2015 at 05:03 PM

JR

“ We would like to express our condolences to the Bacheller family. Bud was a long time tenant in the Drake Professional Park and we loved seeing him and talking with him over the years.

*He always had a smile and a friendly way about him. He will be truly missed here.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Drake Professional Park Management Team*

*Barry Cunningham, Jodi Riffe, Diane Walker and Sam Bottoms*

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**Jodi Riffe** - June 09, 2015 at 03:12 PM

JA

“ So sorry that such a delightful man has passed. Miss Bertie too. I will remember them fondly.

*Jane Luman*

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**Jane** - June 09, 2015 at 02:18 PM