



Harold Lloyd Downing

February 1, 1925 - May 14, 2014

HAROLD LLOYD DOWNING

2/1/1925 - 5/14/2014 Harold was born in Independence, Kansas to Lee and Blanche Moore Downing. After a stint in the Army, he obtained his degree from Emporia State Teachers College. In 1953 he married Beverly VanWinkle and they had 58 wonderful years together before her death in 2010. They had three children. He worked at the Kansas State Home and Training Center in Parsons, KS until 1966 when he moved his family to Fort Collins so that he could be one of the first two school psychologists hired by Poudre R-1 School District. He earned his Master's Degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He cared greatly for the many students that he met with and their families and learned Spanish so that he could communicate better. He served in this position until his retirement. Harold's greatest joys were riding his bicycle around Fort Collins and spending time with his family. He especially loved family dinners and often took the entire family to his favorite restaurant, Country Buffet. He had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke. He was an excellent and much-loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He also loved watching the Rockies and the Broncos on television. He is preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his two brothers, Jack and Forrest; his two sisters, Neva and Anita. He is survived by his three children, Lorraine Wright Gary Trujillo, Randy Downing, Liz Downing Brion Rohrbacher; three grandsons, Jason, Daniel and Patrick Wright; two great grandsons, Odin and Eddie Wright and several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank the

staff at Fort Collins Health Care, and especially his nurse, Tessa, for the attentive, loving care given to Harold during the time he lived there. A Memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St. at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 24. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Lorraine and family, Just wanted to let you know I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. you are in my thouhjts and prayers.* ”

Rae Hulbert Timme - May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *My sincere condolences. Harold and I go way back in Poudre R 1 special services history. I was one of the school nurses.* ”

Virginia Febinger - May 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Our condolences to the Downing family. Randy is such a wonderful, kind, inspiration to us. We all wish him and his family peace during this sad time. Love, the staff at Prima Bodywear* ”

Mary Pat McCurdie - May 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. I regret not being able to shift my Saturday so that I can attend the service. Harold was always kind to me in the few interactions we had. My hope is for the Downing family to be strong and maintain the bonds and ways that Harold lived by.* ”

Dave Arnold - May 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ We met Harold when Stacie was in Bev's preschool class at Foothills Gateway. It was obvious that he was totally devoted to Bev and they were a great match. He always had a smile for us and quite often a twinkle in his eye! What a lovely man. We are sorry for your loss.

Sue, Mike and Stacie Lindner - May 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Randy, I am very sorry for your loss. I never got to meet your siblings, but my thought to them as well. lee

lee casuto - May 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ He was a second father to me growing up. I will always remember his funny stories, wonderful recipes and his love of finding a great bargain. He was a wonderful, intelligent and loving man with a kind heart and a quick smile. He takes a piece of my heart with him until I see him again. All my love to the family.

Faun - May 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Harold was a great guy and I know he will be missed. He has not really been happy since Bev's death, and I know he is glad to be with her once again.

Judy Matthews - May 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM