



Harold Kolstoe Hagen

November 18, 1884 - January 29, 2014

Harold Kolstoe Hagen, 89, of Fort Collins, died January 29, 2014 at Poudre Valley Hospital. He was born November 18, 1924, to Gudor and Severine Hagen. During World War II, he served as a sergeant with the 10 ' Mountain Division in Italy. When he returned from the war, he earned a BS degree from the University of Wyoming, worked for the Wyoming Division of Wildlife and spent a summer with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska. He returned to the University of Washington and earned a PhD in Fisheries Science. After spending a year working as a fish biologist in South Dakota, he accepted a position as a professor at Colorado State University. For seventeen summers, he worked as a biologist and naturalist for the National Park Service. Dr. Hagen spent time working with the Peace Corp setting up fish projects in Guatemala and Peru. He worked in Jamaica, Mexico and Ecuador establishing fish growing facilities. In Chile, he was instrumental in starting the salmon industry under grants from the World Bank. He lived on his fish farm with his wife, Mary Catherine Hirsig Hagen, who remains on the farm. They had one son, Harold Hal Hagen who died in 2013. He is survived by his granddaughter, Catherine Hagen Gibson Mathew and grandson, Taylor Hagen. Harold enjoyed skiing and fishing with his family; he was a member of the 10th Mountain Division Association, American Fisheries Society, and Fish Farmers of America and several honorary associations. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Indian School, Chamberlain, South Dakota, or Elder Pet Care in care of

Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I return to Colorado once a year or so and always think of your place, the hatchery, and the time I spent with Hal, feeding the fish or just watching the operation. "Mr. Hagen" as I knew him, was always so gentle and engaging. I am sorry for your losses - both of them.

Dianne Bigge - March 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ HI Family! Harold's mother, Severine, taught me in 6th grade & she used to tell us about her four boys and how well they had done. She was quite old at the time, but she was so proud of her family. When I got sick in the 60's, Tiny Hagen had the only A blood in the valley to give me. Just thought you'd like to know. Tiny was a great friend of my Dad, Ranger A. K. Wogensen.

Marcia McCaslin - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Mary: I am so sorry for your loss and I hope you are doing okay. It was great to see you at the hospital and catch up a little. I am sure you will miss Harold forever. I did not really know him, but in a way I did because you spoke so often of him. He seemed to be a very gentle person. Please let me know if I can do anything to help.

Ruth Billings - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We wish to say Thank Your to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family. Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785 Fort Collins, CO

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - February 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM