



Harold Steinhoff

March 9, 1919 - May 28, 2019

Harold William Steinhoff went to be with his Lord on May 28 in Windsor, Weld County, Colorado. He was created by his Lord, Jesus Christ, and was born on March 9, 1919 in Fort Morgan, Morgan County, Colorado to Helen Grace Morse Steinhoff and Lawrence Henry Steinhoff.

He graduated from South High School, Denver in 1937, received a BS in Forestry from CSU in 1941, an MS in Forest Zoology from Syracuse in 1947, and a PhD in Wildlife Biology from Syracuse in 1956.

He inducted in the Army Air Corps in June 1942 was trained as a Photo Lab Commander T Yale in 1943, learned aerial mapping at Lowry Field, Denver in that year, and graduated from Air Intelligence School at Harrisburg, PA. He changed from the Air Corps to the Corp of Engineers at Will Rogers Field, OK and went to England with the 942nd Eng., Avn, Topo, Bn. in February 1944. They were stationed at the 8th Air Force HQ, 30 miles northwest of London. They made maps and printed material for the 8th. In mobile vans, the reproduction company moved to Eshwege, Germany and then to Schlangenbad, near Weisbaden, where they printed for the Occupation Forces. He returned, and was discharged at Ft. Leavenworth. KS in June 1946.

He married Marian Andelea Town in Seattle, WA on January 19, 1944, in a

ceremony officiated by his father, the Rev. Dr. L. H. Steinhoff. They had two sons, Richard Terry (Ginny) and David Lee (Pamela) in Fort Collins.

He was a professor in the College of Forestry and Natural Resources at Colorado State University from 1947 to 1974 and enjoyed 16 summers with his family teaching at Pingree Park. He was made a Centennial Professor at CSU in 1970 (celebrating CSU's 100th anniversary. and the inauguration of the new college president) and held many positions in support of the University.

In 1974 Harold and Marian moved to Durango, where he was the Southwest Regional Director over 13 counties for CSU. They built and enjoyed their retirement home with a view of the La Plata's.

In 2008, Harold and Marian moved to Good Samaritan's Water Valley facility in Windsor where he died peacefully, as he was born, in the loving arms of his Lord. Recently, friends and family were able to celebrate with their 75th wedding anniversary and Harold's 100 birthday.

Grandchildren include Matthew David (Tricia), Gina Marie (Cory Mayhew), Stephanie Grace (Joe Ferrero), Nathaniel Talbot (Becca), Jonathan Samuel, and Christopher Jordan (Jamie). They have twelve great-grandchildren.

Service on Saturday, June 8, 2019, 2:30 p.m. at the Good Samaritans Society, Water Valley Chapel, located at 805 Compassion Drive in Windsor.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 2:30 PM (MT)

Good Samaritan Society - Water Valley Senior Living Resort
805 Compassion Dr
Windsor, 80550

Tribute Wall

JH

“ How blessed we were to have Harold and Marion as our neighbors in Durango. God truly put them in our paths to show us the grace in which they walked with Him everyday, embracing everyday as a gift from God. I can't even count how many times I heard Harold say today is the day the Lord has made. It was a valuable lesson for us. We shared that view from his wonderful home. It inspired us to put more windows in ours. The newest owner just told me she thought the opening to the master suite was for air flow until she woke up that first morning to see how Harold had perfectly framed the view of the La Plata Mountains.

There are years of fond memories of your wonderful husband, father, grandfather and my neighbor. Many prayers for all.

The Hogans

Janalee and Hugh Hogan - June 09, 2019 at 10:18 AM

TD

“ *The Hughey Family, Donna, Stan, Ken, Peggy, David purchased the A Full Life for the family of Harold Steinhoff.*



The Hughey Family, Donna, Stan, Ken, Peggy, David - June 05, 2019 at 02:19 PM

JA

“ *The world has lost a truly special man!!*

Jim & Nancy Arndt

Jim Arndt - June 05, 2019 at 12:10 PM

GS

“ *What a legacy Dad has left behind- a wealth of knowledge, wisdom and insight. He had a wonderful sense of humour and the gift of mediation. His love of God was evident in every patient action and he would start each day with "This is the day the Lord has made..."*

Ginny Steinhoff - June 05, 2019 at 09:48 AM

VT

“ *Vicki Sheri Towne lit a candle in memory of Harold Steinhoff*



Vicki Sheri Towne - June 05, 2019 at 09:23 AM

VT

Uncle Harold remains an inspiration and example of grace, love, compassion, and a life well-lived. I have cherished the memories of our family trips to Colorado during the '60s and credit Harold as the catalyst for seeking CSU as the alma mater for my graduate degree. My thoughts and prayers are with Marion, Terry, and David as they celebrate Harold's homecoming with our Eternal Father.

Vicki Sheri Towne - June 05, 2019 at 09:31 AM

JD

“ Our first Thanksgiving in Colorado (1960), Jesse was doing graduate work at the Univ. of Colorado. And even though we are distant relatives, Harold and Marian graciously invited us to spend the holiday with them in Ft. Collins. We never forgotten that visit, and have cherished staying in touch each year at Christmas. Many years later, Jesse enjoyed a visit with them in Durango. I look forward to the grand reunion of our family (both blood and blood bought), "when we all get to heaven."

What a testimony Harold's life has been to the love and faithfulness of his Lord. We grieve with you, but rejoice that another saint now stands in glory! Jesse and Gladys Deloe, Winona Lake, Indiana

Jesse & Gladys Deloe - June 04, 2019 at 09:51 PM

LI

“ Eleven days before Great Grandpa went to heaven, we were visiting with him and Great Grandma. He showed me his talking watch, which announced the time after a button was pushed. When Great Grandpa observed my amazement, he chuckled as only he can. It was a precious moment I will always remember.

Lizzy - June 02, 2019 at 10:45 PM

KT

Harold brought God's peace wherever he went. It was a pleasure to know him during the years that I facilitated Relaxing with Music at Water Valley. His love for his wife and articulate way of sharing his faith will be remembered fondly.

Thank Jesus for sharing this precious soul with the world for 100 years!

Kristy Thiemann - June 08, 2019 at 09:53 AM

SF

“ Grandpa fought the good fight, [he] has finished the race, [he] kept the faith. Now there is in store for [him] the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to [him] on that day - and not only to [him] but also to all who have longed for [Christ's] appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Stephanie Ferrero - June 02, 2019 at 10:35 PM

SM

“ The first Sunday I went to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Harold walked up to me as I came in the door and welcomed me. After the service he came up and we chatted again. We found out that we were neighbors and that began a friendship that lasted all the years they lived in Durango. When my Cub Scout den studied Alaska, I asked Harold if he would come tell the boys about his trips to Alaska. He talked about Alaska and had slides of the beautiful eagles that lived there. The boys enjoyed the slides and their guest speaker.
He had a long life, well lived.
Sue Mages

Susan Mages - June 02, 2019 at 03:34 PM

DB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the Steinhoff family find comfort in God's sure promise to restore our dear loved ones to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more (Revelations 21:4). "The hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29) Truly, what a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality though for God cannot lie! I hope that reflecting on these thoughts will give you some relief during this very difficult time.

Debora Bailey - May 31, 2019 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ Harold always seemed such a wise person to me. Once, while serving together with him at Christ the King Lutheran Church, someone in the process of making a tough decision asked him, "how will I know if God has answered my prayer?" Harold's answer has stayed with me all these years. His response, "I believe God has answered my prayer when I am at peace with a decision."

Blessed be his memory.

Laura Stransky

Laura Stransky - May 30, 2019 at 06:16 PM

LO

My husband, Dr. H. E. Owen, Fort Lewis College, worked with Dr. Steinhoff for a time. Herb had so much respect for Dr. Steinhoff. I was fortunate to meet him and his wife at their in Durango. Herb has been gone since 2005. I think of them often.

May God be with you.

*Mrs. H. E. Owen
Kerrville, Texas*

Lillie Jane Owen - May 31, 2019 at 10:09 AM

GM

“ *Scripture sent to the family:*

Psalm 16:7-11 New International Version

*7 I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.*

8 I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,...*

*11 You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Gina Mayhew - May 30, 2019 at 05:36 PM

HT

“ *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the saints" = Home at Last! May the God of Hope and Peace encourage you at this time.*

Harvey and Joyce

Harvey A. Town - May 30, 2019 at 04:39 PM

GM

“ *Scripture sent to the family
Psalm 73:23-28 New International Version
23 Yet I am always with you;
you hold me by my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will take me into glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever....
28 But as for me, it is good to be near God.
I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge;
I will tell of all your deeds.*

Gina Mayhew - May 30, 2019 at 03:46 PM

RH

“ *Steinhoff Family, We're so sorry for your loss. We hope that family and friends continue to support you at this time and that you find comfort in God's promise found at Acts 24:15, "I have hope toward God, which hope these men also look forward to, that there is going to be a resurrection..."*

RHB - May 30, 2019 at 02:20 PM

BG

Dear Marian and family. I am so sorry for your loss but what a wonderful., exemplary life he lived. My whole family were so privileged to enjoy many good times with Harold and Marian when they were part of our congregation in Soldotna, Alaska. Praise God for such a witness and Thank God for the sure promise of resurrection.

Barbara Gilbertson - June 06, 2019 at 08:58 AM

TS

Thank you Barbara, please see the Marian Steinhoff obituary on this same website.

Terry & Ginny Steinhoff - April 29, 2025 at 01:21 PM