



Jerauld J. Roesch

July 29, 1928 - February 12, 2019

Jerry passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord in his sleep on February 12, 2019 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He was born on July 29, 1928 to John and Lena Roesch in Tolstoy, SD where he lived as a young boy with two siblings, Twilamae and Dwight. Later his family moved to Watertown, SD where he attended high school and met Lois Lindgren. Before graduating, Jerry left school to join the war effort and become a Marine.

After the war, Jerry returned home to Watertown and he married Lois on February 12, 1948. He then earned his GED and graduated from Northern State Teacher's College with a degree in education. Jerry and Lois moved to Superior, WI where they raised their six children. They were dedicated parents providing their children with loving, secure, happy, and memorable childhoods.

He was a very industrious man and supported his family by working as a math teacher, football coach, dairy truck driver, and a member of the Air National Guard. After nineteen years, there were moves to Eau Claire and Hudson, WI. With Jerry's strong Christian faith, he helped start the Eau Claire chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in 1971 and was a part of the FCA bible study for many years. In his retirement years he also spent time handing out books about heaven and encouraging people, many times complete strangers, to get to know Jesus Christ. He constantly prayed for all of his family - he was a great prayer warrior.

After retirement, Jerry and Lois moved to Mesa, Arizona and finally settled in Ft. Collins, CO. They enjoyed long road trips in various RV's, visiting many parts of the country; and spending time with children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and their many friends. A memorable highlight for Jerry, in Ft. Collins, was being able to take part in the Northern Colorado Honor Flight for Veterans to Washington, D.C. on 9/11/11. He was very touched by the sendoff to the airport, the tour of the WWII Memorial, the camaraderie with fellow veterans and the welcome home. A special thank you to the guardians who took great care of all the veterans during their trip.

His devotion to Lois, as she became disabled with Alzheimer's and eventually passed away, was a lesson in love to all of us. In his later years, he spent time crafting with wood, visiting the gym, traveling to visit his children, and watching his favorite sports teams. He was an avid fan of Colorado teams (Packers exception noted).

Jerry found love again with Elaine Brunkhardt. They were married on June 22, 2013. Dad and Elaine enjoyed traveling to many parts of the country, visiting family and friends, and making new friends along the way. They both loved Colorado sports teams, celebrating victories, and bemoaning defeats. She and Jerry were deeply devoted to each other.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Elaine, and six children: Judy (Robert), Susan (Hans), Joel (Mary), Rick (Rhonda), Pam (Ralph), and Sally (Sean), and twelve grandchildren: Heather (George), Ben (Liz), Michael (Lisa), Kristin (Andrew), Kayla (Peter), Samantha, Daniel (Jen), Johanna, Hans (Christine), Rachel (Alex), Christopher, Alex, and three step grand children: Jodi, Jami (Tonn), and Darin (Brooke), and nineteen great- grandchildren. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Lois, and his siblings.

A celebration of his life with military honors will be held at Faith Church, 3920 S. Shields Street, on Friday, March 8th at 11am in Ft. Collins, CO. Cremation arranged by Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions are suggested for the Alzheimer Association and Faith Church.

The family expresses sincere gratitude to Elaine for bringing so much happiness, love and care to Dad's life, and being an important part of all of our lives. He will always be lovingly remembered by his family as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, a proud WWII veteran, and a dedicated coach and teacher. Dad lived life well to the end.

The Roesch Family would like to thank the people at Bohlender Funeral Chapel for their compassionate and caring ways in guiding us through this difficult time.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Faith Church
3920 S. Shields Street
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall

HC

“ *Mr. Roesch was one of my most memorable, and favorite teachers. It didn't come easy, though. I got a D in his Algebra class my sophomore year. I resisted his guidance and leadership. I redeemed myself, however, my Senior year. I took his class again, for no credit, and got an A. But most importantly, I came to respect, and appreciate him very much. He was strong, and he had no time for nonsense. He was an honest and caring person, and I'm sorry to see that he has passed. God bless you, Mr. Roesch!* ”

Heidi Bennett Cooper - April 12, 2020 at 06:06 PM

LG

“ *Mr. Roesch had his hands full with this freshman. Math and I never got along. Probably we never will, but Mr. Roesch helped me in so many ways to respect math. He was an awesome teacher.* ”

Lois Schier Gehl - April 21, 2019 at 10:19 PM

LY

“ *Lynn and Bill Yang purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerauld J. Roesch.* ”



Lynn and Bill Yang - March 06, 2019 at 08:13 PM

GK

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Roeschs passing. I could never could never call him by his first name even to this day. I had so much respect for him. He is in such a better place now. God will take care of him and the family also as they go through this time. God be with you all. The gift of God is eternal life.

Ginny Kline former student at East High in Superior.

Ginny Kline - March 06, 2019 at 04:08 PM

T1

“ The Superior East High School Class of 1959 purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Jerauld J. Roesch.



The Superior East High School Class of 1959 - March 04, 2019 at 02:02 PM

BD

“ Dear Judy and all of the Roesch kids, Loved your Dad he was always so kind to me. He always had time to talk. From homeroom at East High to our 50th class reunion. He will be missed by many. Love to all of you, Barb Noonan DeFore

Barbara A DeFore - March 04, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerauld J. Roesch.



March 03, 2019 at 07:55 PM

SR

“ Sam & Nancy Rajanen purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Jerauld J. Roesch.



Sam & Nancy Rajanen - March 03, 2019 at 06:23 PM

DG

“ Coach, this note is for you. Very sad to read of your passing. Want to tell you how much through the years I've thought of the boost in life you gave me after East High. You were the one who made it all possible and I'm eternally grateful for what you did for me. Cheers
Don Gerbozy
Kailua, Hawaii.

Don Gerbozy - March 03, 2019 at 01:52 PM

LM

“ Mr Roesch was one great man. I remember fishing off the old boat landing while your cabin was being built at Nebagamon. Always had time for people. I always thought you had a wonderful family. Heaven is richer now.

Lee Mcpherson - March 03, 2019 at 08:18 AM

CW

“ Enjoyed reading about your whole family since your Superior days. Your dad made wonderful memories all along the way. I can still picture your large home on Maple o Laurel- it had sooo many rooms. Judy and I were goodd friends from Lincoln on, but I remember you all. Our sympathies and prayers to all. Love, Cathy
Warnack Hecht

Cathy Warnack - March 02, 2019 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ *The Chapin Family purchased the Pink Tribute S pray for the family of Jerauld J. Roesch.*



The Chapin Family - February 27, 2019 at 02:48 PM

SD

“ *Dear Judy, Susan, Joel, Rick, Pam, Sally and families, I was so lucky to grow up with the parents I did and share many times at your home with your parents. Your Dad was a treasure! I last saw him in Green Bay on a visit to see Susan and Hans in early 2000s. It was a joy to see him. Celebrate his life well! We hold you close now and in the days ahead, Susan and Jack Drinkwine*

Susan Drinkwine - February 23, 2019 at 10:28 PM

RP

“ *My deepest sympathies to all of you. As the youngest of the Parish family, I was often watched over by Pam, Sally and Lois and often given cookies! Mr. Roesch and Joel stopped by in later years to see the old place in Lake Nebagamon and visit with my parents, who always thought the world of all of you. I have such warm, fond memories of a kind hearted man. Ruthann Parish*

Ruthann Parish - February 23, 2019 at 12:26 PM

SN

“ Dear Roesch family-where do I begin with memories of your Dad and family? From Thanksgivings together (what a houseful!), to sharing time at the lake together...I loved your Dad. He and your mom were the best of friends to our parents. He will be missed by many; he lived s charmed and beautiful life. Rest In Peace, Mr. Roesch (I could never call him Jerry). Our love and sympathy to the entire family. Rocky and Sharon Nelson



Sharon (Parish) Nelson - February 23, 2019 at 12:10 PM

ST

“ Coach Roesch was an amzing coach & friend. I loved his coaching thru out my high school years. I became friends with his son Rick & daughter Susan. We enjoyed the reunion a couple of years back in Superior with some of the old high school football team. He was an amazing man & will be missed by many. Terry Tollers

Susan j Tollers - February 20, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BP

“ Coach Roesch was my homeroom teacher, math teacher and football coach at Superior East High School. I want to let the family know he had a huge impact on my life choices. I have great respect for him, he was truly a positive roll model for the many young people he encountered throughout his life. My deepest sympathy to his family as you celebrate his life.
Bob Peck

Bob Peck - February 17, 2019 at 04:39 PM

KG

coach Roesch was more than a guide to how to play football, he was a guide to how to live your life. Condolences to Rick and Joel and the whole family...Kim Ganthe

Kim Ganther - February 20, 2019 at 08:30 AM

MM

“ *I am so happy that I had the chance to meet Jerry at his wedding to Aunt Elaine and to spend more time with them both when they came to Maine soon afterwards. What a kind and interesting man. My condolences to all of his family and friends. What a treasure that he had so much time to share with us in this life.*

Mark Messer - February 17, 2019 at 02:53 PM

DP

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Such a great man and mentor. Cherish his memories. Hugs and love to your families. Darlene Prissel n Mike*

Darlene Prissel - February 16, 2019 at 07:47 PM