



John Wesley Briggs, Jr.

April 25, 1942 - July 9, 2010

John Wesley Briggs, Jr. passed away July 9, 2010. He was born in Fort Collins on April 25, 1942. Wesley was the son of John Wesley Briggs, Sr. and Anita Freyer-muth Briggs. He attended St. Joseph's, Lincoln Junior High, Fort Collins High School and the University of Northern Colorado, Wesley enlisted in the Navy on his 19th birthday. Boot Camp was in San Diego, and later he was stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He served on the USS Detector an ocean going mine-sweeper. After being discharged he worked for the Briggs Corporation and later became owner and manager of the downtown Briggs Hotel. Wesley managed the hotel for 30 years, recently retiring due to illness. During those years he met men and women who needed affordable rent. He was a mentor to many and tried to help the less fortunate. He didn't have children of his own but he loved children, especially his nieces and nephews and also his dog, Sabrina. Wesley enjoyed traveling and fishing in Mexico. He was an avid reader, a former member of the Knights of Columbus, the Moose Lodge and the Disabled American Veterans. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Louellis W. Briggs. Wesley is survived by twin sisters, Arlene Ahlbrandt and Darlene Clifton; three nieces, Susan, Victoria, and Judy; and five nephews, Dan, Alan, Jim, Joe, and Mike. Visitation will take place Wednesday, 6:00 -8:00 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. His life will be celebrated with a Mass of Christian Burial at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 W. Mountain Ave. on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors with the All Veterans Honor Guard will follow at the family plot at Grandview

Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

DO

“ *Arlene and Darlene, Please accept my sincere condolences on the death of your brother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your sister, Dotti*

Dotti Orazem - August 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to all the John Wesley Briggs family.*

Duane & Becke Barnes - August 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My condolences for your loss. I used to give comic books with the covers off to Wes when he was a young boy I worked at Poudre Valley News and we have been friends ever since. He has gone Home and is now free and in Gods Hand*

Earl D. Buckendorf - July 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

I am happy to see Earl is speaking about God. (A good friend, Lowell)

Lowell Smalley - December 04, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JU

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Bud. I will miss you and your songs and laughter. Thank you for the fingerprints you left on my life. I love you.*

Judy - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Albert, Carolyn and Jane Goodwin Family - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *DARLENE , ARLENE, MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY SO SORRY TO HEAR OF THE LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER WES. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY ALL, WHO KNEW HIM . IONA, MARK AND CINDY*

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