



Kenneth E. Cary

April 27, 1923 - March 10, 2012

Kenneth E. Cary, 88, of Fort Collins passed away March 10, 2012 at Golden Peaks Care and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 16, 2012 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 300 West Mountain Avenue. A reception at the church and interment at Roselawn Cemetery will follow. Ken was born on April 27, 1923 in Rawlins, Wyoming to Ernest and Hazel Sutherland Cary. After parting ways with Ernest, Hazel returned, with her children, Ken and daughter, Myrtle, to the Sutherland family ranch at Granite Canñn, Wyoming to raise her children with the aid and support of her brothers and sisters. In particular, her brothers, Harlow and Everett, who became Ken's father figures and role models. He attended a one room elementary school at Granite Canñn, where he and Myrtle were sometimes the only students, before attending and graduating from Cheyenne Central High School. In addition to ranching, he worked as a mechanic in garages and dealerships owned by his uncle, Kenneth Sutherland. He met Mildred Kruzic, a transplanted Iowan, on a blind date arranged by his sister. They were married on February 14, 1948. They had four sons, Steve, Tom, Keith and Rich. They operated a family owned farm near Fort Collins for most of the 1950s before he pursued an education and career in electronic instrument repair. Most of that career was spent as an instrument calibration technician at Colorado State University's Engineering Research Center. After his retirement in 1984 they spent many winters in Harlingen, Texas and summers in the cabin that they built in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado. They

traveled frequently throughout the US and Mexico. He was a member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. He was active with the Fort Collinaders Square Dance group and the Wellington Senior Resources Center. He enjoyed coin collecting and was an endless source of help to his sons as a mechanic and electrician to keep several households and countless vehicles running smoothly. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred; his parents, Ernest and Hazel; his sister, Myrtle; and all six aunts, uncles and their spouses, who helped to raise him. He is survived by his four sons, Steven Connie, Keith Marilyn, Richard, all of Fort Collins and Thomas Karen of Loveland, Colorado; granddaughter, Arnetta; three step-granddaughters, Lisa, Deanne and Kathryn; six great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews around the country. On behalf of Ken and his family, special thanks go to the staffs of Poudre Valley Hospital, Ft. Collins Health Care Center, Right at Home, Sterling House Assisted Living, and Golden Peaks Care and Rehabilitation Center for their efforts on his behalf over the past fifteen months. Contributions, in lieu of flowers, can be made to Smile Train in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I will always think of Kenny as the quiet one at the table who always came up with the perfectly timed zingers on the topic of the moment. The laughter that followed was infectious. What a wonderful man.

Larry and Mary Kay French - March 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Kenny was one of the nicest men I've ever known. He was the Best Father-in-Law in the world! Ken & Millie were always willing to help out when needed. He was set in his ways and liked things done in a certain way which would either make you chuckle or drive you crazy. He liked to laugh at jokes & enjoyed hearing about the silly situations I got myself into. I loved making him smile. Ken was a very generous person, insisting on paying me everytime I gave him a hair cut and things like that. I started calling Ken 'Dad' after my father passed away six years ago, that's how special he was to me and I will miss him forever.

Marilyn Cary - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Kenny was very generous and loving to my older daughter, Lisa, when she was growing up and made her feel as one of the family. He expanded his genousity to her husband and children. My grandchildren called him Grandpa Kenny and I know they will always remember him as being so very nice. Our daughter, Arnetta, loved her Grandpa, and will miss giving him 'grandpa cards' she handmade for him on every holiday. Kenny loved getting her cards and loved being a Grandpa. He kept Arnetta's picture in his wallet.

Marilyn Cary - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *One of my fondest childhood memories is visiting Ken and Mildred, and all the Cary family, in Ft. Collins.*

Danny and Louisa Kruzic - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Our prayers go out to the family!*

Grover & Brenda Lollar - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Best wishes go with you and your family.*

Carl and Helen Lollar - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Uncle Ken, was always calm and eazy-going, as exemplified by his maintaining control, even though my Cousin Tom and I broke open most of the eggs in the henhouse looking for baby chicks when we were kids at his Fort Collins farm.*

Dean, Vicky, & Celeste Davis - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM