



LeRoy Edwin Waag

July 14, 1931 - January 8, 2016

Lifetime Larimer County resident, LeRoy Edwin Waag, passed away January 8, 2016 at Medical Center of the Rockies. LeRoy was active until the last few days of his life, living as he had for eighty four years, actively participating in the family farming operation.

LeRoy was born on the family farm located at the southeast corner of Prospect and Shields in Ft. Collins to Paul and Lena Waag on July 14, 1931. In 1942, they moved to the farm on County Road 48, east of Ft. Collins, which is still farmed by his son and grandsons. He graduated from Ft. Collins High School at age sixteen. He married Virginia "Elaine" Johnson March 18, 1952 and they moved to Oceanside, California where he served in the US Marine Corp during the Korean War and deployed to Japan.

After being discharged from the Marine Corp LeRoy and Elaine moved to the family farm on County Road 5, where he continued his agricultural career for over fifty years. He raised sugar beets, Coors malting barley, corn, alfalfa, beans and cucumbers. LeRoy also fed cattle and sheep, and never missed a "Monday Morning Meeting at the Headgate".

LeRoy was on the Board of Directors for the Water Supply and Storage Ditch Company for thirty years. He was always diligent in meeting preparation, had an amazing memory for detail, and often shared humorous stories.

He won numerous "High Ten", "Top Producer", and "Presidents Quality Club" awards from The Great Western Sugar Company in his sixty years of growing sugar beets. He took great pride in raising Moravian barley for Coors. LeRoy was awarded a silver belt buckle for "High Producer of the Year". He was also a Larimer County Farm Bureau member for sixty-one years.

LeRoy's special interests and hobbies were golf, bowling, traveling, playing cards, reading newspapers and books, classic country music, RFD TV, and especially "Molly B Polka." He also attended the farm show every year, unless he was traveling. He enjoyed his pool table and challenging his children and grandchildren to a game. At the age of eighty, he went whitewater rafting on the Poudre River.

In September 2012, LeRoy traveled to Washington DC with the Northern Colorado Honor Flight. He considered it a great honor and enjoyed the trip immensely.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his beloved wife of fifty-nine years, Elaine, in 2011. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Harold and Clifford Waag, his sister, Lorene Rader, and great-grandson, Tyler Zimmerman.

Survivors include daughters Cheryl Zimmerman and Sue Waag, and son, Darrell Waag. LeRoy has eight grandchildren: Matt Zimmerman (Tracey), Alexander Waag, Dustin Waag (Jennifer), Nicholas and Jessica Zimmerman, Katlyn Boling (Colby), Garrett Waag, and Kolter Herkstroeter. He also has four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his caregiver, Micki Sutton, and sister in law, Lou Waag.

LeRoy was an incredible person, husband, father, friend, grandfather, and great grandfather who will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Memorial contributions can be made to Northern Colorado Honor Flight or American Cancer Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veterans Honor Guard will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Le Roy Was one of the most respected people I ever meet, he will be greatly missed*

Richard Seaworth and Famiy

Richard Seaworth - January 23, 2016 at 01:22 PM

KW

“ *Sorry for your loss. LeRoy was our landlord when we were farming in the early 1980s. He and Elaine were both very nice people. Sincerely, Greg and Kelly Winter*

Kelly Winter - January 14, 2016 at 04:18 PM

CM

“ Over the last 25 years I had numerous occasions to play golf with LeRoy. On one memorable day LeRoy and his golf buddy Earl invited myself and another to play at a course near Windsor. LeRoy and Earl struggled mightily on the front nine. As we got ready to tee off on the tenth hole LeRoy asked if I would like to "make it a little more interesting." The wager was made and over the next over the next 9 holes, a very determined LeRoy and Earl played better than ever before and won the match. I paid off the bet and LeRoy and Earl loaded their car and began to leave the parking lot. They quickly stopped the car in front of me. LeRoy stuck his head out the window, tipped his cap and with a huge grin, said "It was a real pleasure doing business with you fellas". They then sped out of the parking lot like conquering heroes. That big smile is what I what I will always remember. LeRoy Waag was a remarkable friend and mentor. His wife Elaine was a treasure. He will be sadly missed by all who were lucky enough to call him a friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*Calvin and Robyn Mason
Pueblo West, Colorado*

Calvin Mason - January 13, 2016 at 11:35 PM

JO

“ LeRoy and Elaine lived across the road from my grandparents, Vera and James Morrison for many years. I know they thought very highly of the Waag family and how lucky they were to have such fine neighbors. After my grandfather died, LeRoy farmed the place for my grandmother and later my mother, June Ogden. When I took over for my mother and until the farm was sold, I always enjoyed stopping by and visiting with LeRoy when ever I was in Ft. Collins. You could always count on LeRoy for a great conversation and he always gave solid advice. The next time I come to Ft. Collins, it will be very sad not to be able to stop by and see him. My sincere condolences to his children and grandchildren. LeRoy was a great man, a fine human being, and he will be missed.

James Ogden, Omaha, NE

James Ogden - January 13, 2016 at 07:53 PM

RS

“ Ray and Mary Snyder purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of LeRoy Edwin Waag.



Ray and Mary Snyder - January 13, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ My family has known the Waag family for many years. Both my father and my uncle worked for Leroy on the farm when they were attending college at Colorado State. When it was my turn to attend Colorado State, Leroy and Elaine became my home away from home. I spent many Saturday evenings with them going out to dinner and coming home to play games or watch tv. Their door was always open. Perhaps my earliest memory of Leroy and Elaine was when we came to visit them when I was small and they still lived in the original house. They still had sheep then and me being the animal lover, I spent all my time with the animals. We only had cows, pigs and horses so sheep were a new experience. Of course I fell in love with a bum lamb and so badly wanted to take it home. I remember it crawled in the car with me and pee'd on the floor in the car. I didn't get to take the lamb home. :) I remember the great stories Leroy always had to tell. He had an amazing memory for facts and figures. He was a hard worker and had a refreshing philosophy about life. He often said the only thing guaranteed is change. I will miss Leroy as I have missed Elaine. I still think of Elaine every time I make cabbage rolls from the recipe she shared with us. I am at peace to know they are together again and I'm sure Leroy is telling stories with his father and other family members. They don't make them like Leroy any more. Godspeed. Love, Carol Snyder

Carol Snyder - January 12, 2016 at 04:55 PM

“MARINE”

Few earn the title "United States Marine", once earned they are Marines forever.

When they die, their Honor clean, they stand before Heavens gates and see two signs, one eternal peace, the other Marines.

The Marine follows a path to a quonset hut, knocks three times and enters, behind a table stand two Marines, Colonel Lewis B. Puller and Sergeant-Major Dan Daly.

The SgtMaj. hands you a quill pen and bottle of Red Black Ink, The Marine signs his name to the Duty Roster, his Heavenly Robes fade away, replaced by Standard Issue, The Marine smiles, does a right face and out the door to the Yellow Footprints, to muster as the USMC, Devil Dog Division...

The Marines purpose is clear to fight the forces of evil for all eternity under the orders of the ultimate Commander-In-Chief,

*"God Almighty"
By The Grace Of God,
And A Few Marines,
It's Good To Be Home.*

Semper Fi LeRoy..

HN

“ I have known Leroy for ~70 yrs. We have remained friends and golfing buddies during some of the time plus visiting and sharing hot chocolate at McDonalds.

I have always admired his ability to remember facts and figures with accuracy. His joy of reading was prolific and always made discussion of topics fun and a learning experience for me. We loved talking farming and livestock, sharing experiences and usually laughing.

He was a great friend and Linda and I are so sorry that we are out of town and unable to attend the funeral.

Howard Norman

Howard Norman - January 12, 2016 at 02:24 PM

WS

“ *Water Supply & Storage Co. Directors and Shareholders purchased the With Distinction for the family of LeRoy Edwin Waag.*



Water Supply & Storage Co. Directors and Shareholders -
January 12, 2016 at 10:13 AM