



Leslie Roy Ketcheson

October 7, 1925 - June 18, 2014

Leslie Roy Ketcheson, 88, Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Emmett and Boise, Idaho, passed away June 18, 2014. Les was born on a farm outside Milnor, North Dakota. He spent his early years in North Dakota, and Boulder, Colorado, and endured many hardships during the Great Depression. While serving in the Army during WWII, he met his lifelong partner, Frances, in Salina, Kansas, and they were married June 6, 1947. He graduated with a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Colorado, in June 1950 and began working for the USGS outside of Sheridan, Wyoming monitoring stream flows in sometimes hazardous conditions. In 1953, he went to work for the Wyoming Highway Department in Cheyenne. There he worked in the Bridge Department, and especially enjoyed bridge design and participating in the design of the Interstate Highway System across Wyoming. After Les' retirement in 1986 he and Fran moved to Emmett, Idaho, where they started a Christmas Tree Farm, and tended a large fruit and vegetable garden. They traveled extensively, spending winters in Arizona. They established many wonderful relationships in Idaho and maintained cherished friendships from Cheyenne. In 1993, they moved "into town" Boise, and then to Fort Collins, Colorado, in 2010. Les was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Laverne Hokr Ketcheson, two sisters Norena Ketcheson Smith, Lisbon, North Dakota, and Arlene Ketcheson Jacobson, Boulder, Colorado. He is survived by daughter, Kathleen Ketcheson and husband Don Flaherty, Fort Collins, Colorado, and by son, Roger and wife Linda Ketcheson, Orem,

Utah, and by Gary and wife Liz Kennedy Ketcheson of Greenbank, WA; seven grandchildren, 22 great grandchil-dren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 21, at Good Samaritan Retirement Village Chapel in Fort Collins.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Ketcheson Family, On behalf of the Wyoming Transportation Commission, Executive Staff, and the men and women of the Department, please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. May you find strength in the love of family and the warm embrace of friends.*

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