



Mart H. Cooley

September 26, 1932 - August 1, 2017

Mart H. Cooley, 84, of Fox Park, Wyoming and Fort Collins, Colorado died suddenly August 1, 2017. A member of the Fort Collins community since 1995, he was active in the Kiwanis Club of Poudre Golden K; Meals on Wheels; and as a VITA volunteer helping people with their tax forms.

Mart was born September 26, 1932 in Alton, Kansas where he grew up on a wheat and cattle farm. He graduated from Alton High School in 1950. An Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, he rose in rank to Tech Sergeant in seventeen months, earned the Korean Service Medal with two stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal before being honorably discharged in 1954.

Mart attended Kansas State University, graduating in 1958 with a degree in Grain Science and Milling Industry. He left K-State with much more than a degree, he also found his future wife, Rhonda (Johnson) there and they were married in 1958.

Mart worked at Seaboard Corporation in Merriam, Kansas for thirty-eight years as a Design and Project Engineer. His legacy can be seen in major milling operations in eleven states, Africa, and in South America. He was an active member of the Association of Operative Millers serving as Representative for Regional District 2.

He and Rhonda raised three children in Shawnee Mission: daughters, Renee (Hill) and Monet (Matthews) and son, Matt.

Mart and Rhonda moved to Fort Collins in 1995, having retired there to enjoy the mountains and abundant hiking, camping, fishing and hunting. He loved to sail as well.

He is survived by Rhonda, his three children, grandson, Brendan Matthews; great-grandson, Connor B. Matthews; and his two sisters, Cloris Blank and Sybil Hale. He was preceded in death by his father, Rollin; his mother, Beula (Boultinghouse); brothers, Noel, Roy, Lee, and Derold; sister, Ruth (Macha); and grandson, Connor M. Matthews.

A Celebration of Mart's life with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veterans Honor Guard and the US Army Honor Guard will take place Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO, 80524.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with Military Honors

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

DM

“ All those DU bridge parties. We all were very close until it came time to "double". Tsk tsk. I miss you all. Those were special times for me to be so close to DU brothers our wives. Big hug to Rhonda. I hope all your hands open two "notrump". God bless
Denny Myers

dennis myers - August 26, 2017 at 09:41 AM

AN

“ I am sorry for your loss. May your family draw strength and comfort from God's promise at Isaiah 41:10: “Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness.”

AnnieB - August 09, 2017 at 04:48 PM

JM

“ To Rhonda and family --
Our sincere sympathy is with you. What a shock to see Mart's obituary in the paper this morning, just saw you both at Meals on Wheels. We are so very sorry.
May God always comfort you. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Jim and Judy Moore

Jim and Judy Moore - August 09, 2017 at 10:49 AM

KZ

“ I knew Mart and Rhonda through Meals on Wheels. When I first volunteered, they were two of the five people who greeted me and made me welcome on my first day. I soon discovered we were both "Kansas boys" and will always remember Mart's quiet warmth and friendliness. I will miss him. Kurt Zscheile

Kurt Zscheile - August 09, 2017 at 08:26 AM

TV

“ The folks of Realities Focus(VITA) purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mart H. Cooley.



The folks of Realities Focus(VITA) - August 08, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mart H. Cooley.



August 08, 2017 at 03:55 PM

TK

“ Rhonda, Renee, Monet and Matt,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Mart. I have many great memories of family gatherings at Great Grandma Cooley's house in Osborne, KS. There was always a lot of laughter. I also remember purchasing my first car from Mart, the light blue Chevy Chevette.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Tonya (Blank), Mike, Britney and Hunter Krueger

Tonya Krueger - August 08, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mart H. Cooley.*



August 08, 2017 at 02:43 PM

KB

“ *A specific memory does not come to mind, but I think about my childhood when all the aunts, uncles, and cousins would get together on Grandpa and Grandma Cooley's farm. Great times and memories! You will be missed Uncle Mart! Kalynn & Ron Blum*

Kalynn & Ron Blum - August 08, 2017 at 01:01 PM