



Norris A. Drovdal

March 16, 1931 - March 14, 2010

Norris Drovdal, 78, of Fort Collins formerly of Gillette, Wyoming passed away Sunday, March 14, 2010 at Clare Bridge Cottage in Fort Collins, Colorado. Norris A. Drovdal was born March 16, 1931, the youngest of 12 children to Norwegian immigrants, Andrew and Sophia Drovdal in Peever, South Dakota. Norris married Norma J. DeHaai Drovdal on February 15, 1950 in Watertown, South Dakota. They moved to Gillette, Wyoming in 1956. Norris was a milkman for Gates City Creamery/Gillette Dairy from 1956 to 1981 and then worked at IGA Grocery until his retirement in 1996. He and Norma moved to Ft. Collins in July of 2007. Norris and Norma served faithfully in the Trinity Lutheran Church for many years in Gillette. Norris enjoyed woodworking, annual trips to South Dakota, and especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Norma Drovdal, also of Clare Bridge in Fort Collins and his seven children: Sharon Hood Larry Fort Collins, Colorado, Douglas Drovdal of Eaton, Colorado, Paul Drovdal Len, Greeley, Colorado, Linda Allen Neil, Orchard, Colorado, Kari Knight Smokey, Fort Collins, Colorado, Peggy Gummeson, Littleton, Colorado and Bryce Drovdal Lisa of Fort Collins, Colorado; two sisters, Gladys Froke of Sun City, Arizona and Evelyn Krause of Watertown, 17 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Norris is preceded in death by his parents and 9 brothers and sisters. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1001 E. 9th Street, Gillette, Wyoming. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in care of

Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Kari, Peggy, and family, I am sorry to hear of our Dad's passing. May you find strength in each other and in your memories. Tammy Boughner Land

Tammy Land - March 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ To the Drovdal cousins, Linda and I send our sincerest sympathy for the loss of your dad and my uncle. He was a good person always with a laugh or two. Our hearts go out to all of you and if you need anything let us know. Love you all Gary, Linda and family.

Gary Anderson - March 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Drovdal Family, I am so sorry for your loss! We in the Armstrong Family Loved your Dad! No one was a stranger to Norris, he always had a little story and a smile bigger than all of us!!! My prayer for you is that your memories will keep you smiling, knowing that one Great man is happy in his new home!!And we will meet again.

Donna Armstrong Heald - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Norma, Sharon, Doug, and family--Norris was a special man who had a kind heart and gentle way--it was my pleasure to know him. My condolences to you--we're all going to miss him. Jim Naramore, M.D.

James J. Naramore, M.D. - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Aunt Norma and family, Sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Norris. Remember the trips to Gillette with my folks Carl & Verna. Will treasure them always. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Kenyon & Kathy Jorgenson & family

Kathy Jorgenson - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NO

“ Peggy and Family, so very sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was always so friendly in the store.

Norma - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I admired Mr. Drovdal for so many years. He was so kind, and happy. He always greeted me with love and enthusiasm. I love all you kids too, you were like my own brothers and sisters. See you all in Heaven. Mike Cooper

michael cooper - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ So sorry to hear of Norris passing. I worked with him at IGA and valued his friendship. He was always so nice and helpful to me. I remember how he always had cherry cough drops in his pocket and would always offer me one. Norris was always so kind to everyone. He will be missed.

Sandy Giancerelli - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I met Norris in 1981 when He worked at IGA in Gillette and I was a milkman delivering milk there. After moving on to another occupation, my wife and I would often see Norris when we shopped for groceries. No matter how busy he was, he always had time to say hello and a short chat. We would enter drawings at IGA and it seemed like we won over our fair share of them. I always wondered in the back of my mind if Norris wasn't somehow responsible!! Norris was one of the nicest friendliest guys I've ever met. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family in his loss.

Robbie Lang Sr - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I grew up under the tutelage and influence of Norma and Norris at Trinity Lutheran in Gillette. Norma, you and Norris were such a blessing and inspiration when I was growing up. I enjoyed your companionship when I and the girls came back to Gillette for visits with mom and dad. Heaven has gained a angel and we will miss Norris tremendously. Brook

Brook Maki Gerard - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I am sorry to hear of Norris' passing. He delivered milk, ice cream, and other goodies to our home at Wyodak. The last time I spoke with him was at my father's funeral; we was doing well then and I did enjoy talking with him. Respectfully, Dave Reisch

David Reisch - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ To all the family, I am sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed Norris and have good memories of him. Treasure those special times, and may God Bless you all in your time of sorrow. With sympathy.
Cheryl Reynolds

Cheryl Reynolds - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ We are so sorry to hear about Uncle Norris. He will be in our hearts forever and also the memories.

Keith and Mona Nielsen - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dad, you were and always will be a great father. We miss you and we all love you very much. It is now the time to walk with the Lord, and be at peace knowing your family will be okay. Home again,finigan! One of my Dads favorite little sayings.

Paul & Family - March 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM