



Richard Edward Deines

October 16, 1933 - December 5, 2020

Richard “ED” Edward Deines, 87, passed away at North Colorado Medical Center on Saturday, December 5th, 2020 due to complications from a car accident. He was born October 16th, 1933 to George K and Mollie (Knaus) Deines in Ft Collins, Colorado On October 16th, 1933.

Ed was a businessman / Entrepreneur owning and operating several successful businesses during his life time. He attended Colorado State University before serving in the navy in the early 1950's in Korea. Upon returning he married Patricia (Hoff) Deines in 1957. He opened the Canada Dry bottling company in the early 60's. Soon to become Royal Crown Cola / Canada dry Bottling with his Father George K and his brother Arthur. After selling the RC Cola company in 1986 he became fully involved in another business he had purchased in the late 70's called Bowlerado Lanes bowling center (alley in those days) in Greeley. Upon closing Bowlerado he was the driving force in opening Highland Park lanes, a what is now a 32-lane bowling center, lounge, arcade, snack bar, and golf simulation room. Ed's real-life passion was bowling and of course people. He always promoted bowling in its purest form in leagues and especially competitive (tournament) play. He earned many accolades over his life time. He was inducted into three halls of fame. The Colorado, Ft Collins, and Greeley Bowling associations. He was a national singles champion in 1991 with a series of 826 which included a perfect 300 game, it was the highest series total up to that date in the

championship's history. He competed in 42 championship tournaments which the last few included competing with his grandchildren. He won multitudes of other events over his career and was also a Denver masters champion. Ed's other real joy in life was people. Especially spending time out at his pool with his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, employees, and their friends and families. His business success was based predominantly on the fact he treated people with respect and kindness. This is evident by the longevity of his employees and customers because he always treated them more like family and was always there to lend a helping hand. He was loved by so many and will be missed by many more...

He is survived by his children; Georgiana, Michael, and Steven; his grandchildren, Jaylee (Adams), Ryan and his wife Megan and Bryan (Taylor), Jackson and his wife Michaela, Parker, and Grant (Deines); His Great Grandchildren Aero Deines, Rylee Taylor; Step children, Tracy and his wife Kea (Sheilds) their children Tyler and Jake, Tammy and her husband Nick (Burkett) their children Page and Nicole; Nephew Burt Deines and his Neice Bethany Deines as well as many other family and friends.

He was preceded in life by; His Parents George K and Mollie Deines; his wife Cynthia; his Daughter Sharron; his brother Arthur and his wife Joan, and sisters Ruby and Frieda.

Memorial Services will be postponed until a later date due to the Covid restrictions we didn't feel like he would get the kind of service he deserved at this time. We will schedule a memorial and celebration of his life when all who want to attend can be present. We do apologize for this but I know he would understand he will also be cremated so there will be no viewing.

Tribute Wall

NA

“ Ed was a true friend! He was kind and generous - more bluff than bite. We always knew he loved us even though he greeted us with a political slur every time we walked into his office which was always filled with friends. (Wondered how he got his work done.) Bob has lost a great friend and bowling partner and will miss the jabs and laughs and good times! His heavenly trip was no doubt hard and long with all the quarters he took with him. We love you Ed! We miss you every day... As Marc Scherlis said - Ed was the best!!
Noreen and Bob

Noreen Arnbrecht - December 11, 2020 at 08:24 PM

GD

“ I still hit the first set of golf clubs I ever bought from Ed, Jimmy Demerit's. Even after I rolled old number 8 Ed treated me well. He was a good guy I hope everyone is doing as well as they can.
Sincerely Galen

Galen T Davis - December 10, 2020 at 09:06 PM



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Tyler Arnold - December 09, 2020 at 10:49 PM

RS

“ I remember my Cousin very well. Although I left Colorado in 1963 I kept track of the relatives and got to see him occasionally when I came home. He was a true gentleman, very kind to everyone. RIP Ed You are remembered fondly

Ron Deines Sr - December 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM

BW

“ Ed was quite a man. He was a lot of fun and a true gentleman and friend. He was so fun to bowl pot games with and when we partnered up we would push each other. Bowling against him was competitive but we still had fun! One of the best bowlers and his records and Hall of Fames speak what a great bowler he was! I was so blessed to know Ed! He made my life better and he was always glad to see you! Thanks ED for serving our country and your friendship! We will miss you and thank you for everything!

bruce wieting - December 08, 2020 at 09:55 PM

MM

“ Ed Deines was quite the man and an even better father-in-law. I enjoyed hanging out with Ed and Sharron, telling stories of old, and sharing time without being rushed or hurried by the passage of time. His stories were almost as epic as mine but the best story he told was when he served in Japan as a young sailor. He and some buddies were trying to do a green back exchange in a local bar when they discovered they were in over their heads with some local mobsters. I laugh every time I think of him running to the train and all the way back to the safety of the US Navy. My hat's off to you Ed. May you comfort Sharron in your shared eternal rest. Blessings and gratitude to you.
Michael

michael mange - December 08, 2020 at 09:13 PM

KI

“ Ed was the absolute best Father in Law I could have ever asked for. He was a true patriarch of the Deines family. He came across as a gruff grouchy man but had one of the biggest hearts I have ever known. He was incredibly giving and his love for his family showed no end. I will miss his humor and walking into his office and hearing him say “Hey Kimmy”. We have lost one of the great ones, I was beyond blessed to have had him in my life. Thank you Ed for everything.

kim - December 08, 2020 at 11:49 AM

IS

“ My thought and prayers for this difficult time. He was a great man I was glad to know him.
Remember the good times with a smile on your face and in your heart. RIP ED you made a difference to many.

Isabelle (Jamison) Stewart

Isabelle Stewart - December 07, 2020 at 08:08 PM

KA

“ His home was always a welcoming place to be.
He made the best STRONG coffee and played terrific music!
He took such good care of my forever friend Cindy and loved his family unconditionally.
I always not only liked Ed but I respected him.
May you rest in piece . I am blessed to have known you.
Kayla

Kayla Anderson - December 07, 2020 at 07:43 PM

AH

Ed was truly one of the best people I have ever known. So many great times at his house. He was so welcoming and generous! He will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to His children and grandchildren. Love and prayers to all of you.

Amy Hoy - December 07, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JA

Thank you Ed ! Ed Deines was a great man. A man who changed my life for the good and will never be forgotten. His House was a happy place to many people of this community. Heart of gold !

jay adams - December 08, 2020 at 10:14 AM



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Tyler Arnold - December 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM

AM

Ed was a great man with a good personality and very friendly. I got to know Ed over the years at the Bowling Center by being on a league myself years ago. He will be sadly missed. Thoughts and prayers to the family. April Milne

April Milne - December 09, 2020 at 01:53 PM

GW

The bowling community has lost a legend with the passing of Ed Deines. As I write these words, I'd like to cry, yet Ed always put a smile on my face. He was Mr. Bowling in Fort Collins as I came into the city back in the 70's. Bowling around Ed was a psychological nightmare for our collegiate bowlers. He knew how to get in your head, make ya squirm, and pray that you wouldn't blow an easy spare.

But so much changed when you realized how caring he was about you and the SPORT we loved. My happiest days in bowling were being on his team at Highland Park lanes in Greeley and bowling in the bi-annual Big Swiss Tournaments. He always loved to compete and that attitude pushed many of us to reach out and excel in our own way. Still, I can't count the times I'd pick up that ball but couldn't stand up on the approach I was laughing so hard. Those times were life, laughing, caring and sharing the joys of being together.

Thanks for making life better for all of us you touched in our lives Ed. You gave us more than a laugh, more than a strike when we needed it, more than a helping hand when we were down.

You showed us how we could triumph and accomplish so much in our life as you did in yours.

Thanks Ed, just for being there.

George Williams

George Williams - December 10, 2020 at 03:50 AM



I bowled with Ed for a few years at Highland Park. I loved his competitiveness, sense of humor and what he called his "fluff" shot that would always hit the pocket and shatter the pins. Thank you Ed for the great memories and I hope his family can celebrate his life and find peace.

Kurt Gruenberger

Kurt Gruenberger - May 29, 2021 at 09:57 PM