



Richard Lee Williams

May 21, 1925 - March 15, 2014

Richard Lee Williams, 88, passed away of natural causes on March 15, 2014 at Windsor Health Care Center in Windsor, CO. Richard was born May 21, 1925 in Stanford, Montana to Otto and Blanche Cottier Williams. A Veteran of WWII, he enlisted in the Army Air Force on January 14, 1941, and was honorably discharged on September 13, 1945. During his service, he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the Soldiers Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal with one Bronze Star. He was married to Barbara Worth Nauman in Denver, CO on May 1, 1949. A long-time custom home builder in the Denver and Loveland areas, he was proud to be the first to erect a fully factory built home in which his family lived at Silver Lake in Loveland. He finished his professional career as an inspector for the Federal Housing Administration in Denver. Raised on a Montana cattle ranch, he and wife, Barbara encouraged and spent many hours supporting their children's involvement in both the Sweetheart Riders and Rawhidiers 4-H clubs, as well as Arabian and Paint horse showing events. Richard was preceded in death by former wife, Barbara Williams, his parents, and four older brothers. Survivors include: daughter, Stefanie Murphy of Fort Worth, TX; son, Gregory Williams of Parker, CO; grandson, B J Amy Murphy of Mesa, AZ; granddaughter, Dixie Sean Ryon of Cleburne, TX; great-grandchildren, Gavin Michael Murphy and Regan Windy Ryon; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. The family thanks the staff of Windsor Health Care for their service to Richard over many years and to Accent Care of

Colorado for their recent hospice care services. Services at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver are pending for the Spring or Fall.

Tribute Wall

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“Dad passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 15, 2014. Dad was intelligent, motivated, determined and loving man with many talents, a devoted father and successful in business and all he pursued. His service to our country was over and beyond the call of duty and I have the utmost respect for the sacrifices he made and his love of our USA. He passed on many good qualities and advice to me, as a daughter. Most importantly for me to be able to take care of myself, follow my dreams and honesty, trust, and hard work is the best policy. My fondest memory is of his support of my love of animals and horses and I am blessed that he made all of that possible. I will never forget him jumping the arena fence when I won the Miss A.P.H.A. contest. He will be laid to rest @ Fort Logan Military Cemetery in Colo in the near future-bittersweet. You will always be in my heart dad and never a day goes by that I don't think of you. God has blessed me. Lovingly, May you rest in Peace your daughter, Stef

Stefanie Murphy - March 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ An expert mechanic; a perfectionist carpenter, blueprint drafter, homebuilder and inspector; a man not too proud to do any kind of work -- these are the "professional" things I will remember about my dad. With only a high school education and military service, he accomplished a great deal. His wiry frame barely contained his limitless energy and drive. Even though his back pain made it difficult for him to ride, he was so supportive of our horse interests, often loading horses and driving to our 4-H mounted drill or square dancing! practices or horse shows. Under that sometimes hard-of-hearing and shy exterior was a loving, sensitive, and caring man. Through all of his good times, and some not-so-good times, I loved and respected him most for the person he was always trying to be. Dad, you will be greatly missed. Love, your son Greg

Greg Williams - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Stef and Greg, So Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He is finally at peace. I know it is still so hard, and you two have had a really tough time losing both parents in less than a year. You both were caring and loving to both of them, and no doubt they knew how much you loved them. You are in my prayers.

Terrie - March 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM