



## Robert E. Carlson

September 24, 1930 - August 9, 2010

Robert E. "Bud" Carlson passed away at the Fort Collins Healthcare Center on August 9, 2010. He was born September 24, 1930 to Axel and Signe Carlson in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1948. He joined the Navy and went to Electricians School. He decided he would like to be on a submarine so he went to school for that. He served aboard the U.S.S. Pickerel that was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. His enlistment was extended a year because of the Korean War. He served from 1948 – 1952. Bud married Betty Hofferber December 23, 1950 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She joined him in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1951. When Bud left the Navy, he went back to Cheyenne and worked for Cheyenne News Agency. In 1957 he was asked to move to Fort Collins, Colorado and manage Poudre Valley News, which later became Mountain States News. He worked there until 1995 when he retired. He became president of that company. Bud was a man of great integrity and a good caring family man. He enjoyed playing golf, bicycling and swimming. After he retired, he and Betty would spend six months in Fort Collins and six months in Mesa, Arizona where they made many close friends. He is survived by his wife, Betty; son, Todd Carlson, his wife, Betty and their son, Phillip of Severance; daughter, Susan Urban, her husband, Kelly and their daughter, Courtney of Fort Collins; a sister, Marian Gatto and her husband, Dick of Denver, Colorado; and a sister-in-law, Linda Carlson of Cheyenne.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Gerald Carlson. A

Memorial Service will be held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, 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

RA

“ Sue, So sorry to hear of the loss of your father, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Ronni

Ronni Aragon - August 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I feel blessed to have had the chance to work with Bud and share some happy times playing 'golf' and 'basketball' during our physical therapy sessions. His warm, caring spirit and his obvious affection for his family was always a bright point in my day. Special sympathies to Susan- my heart is with you. With love, Kim & Family

Kim Saunders - August 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Sue; I was sad to hear the news. Sincerely, N.W.

Norman wyatt - August 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I was fortunate to know Bud when my father recommended me to him for a job at Mountain States News. Bud was always a kind man and treated everyone with fairness and respect. I lost my Daddy this February and it leaves a hole in my life. However, I know that memories keep our loved ones alive in our hearts forever and that brings some comfort. Bud will surely be missed. My thoughts are with the family at this time.

Merri Engel - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ My father's ServiceMaster business was located next to Poudre Valley News. In my college years, I worked for my dad, and the highlight of the day was always coffee break. The best days were when Bud could join us. We would go to the Town House Motel. Instead of ignoring me as the tag-along kid, Bud always made me feel special and included me in the conversations. And even though the problems of the day were being hashed out, he was always smiling! Really a great guy. A couple of years ago, I was pleasantly surprised when Bud and Betty showed up at our garden railroad open house. It was really good to see Bud again. My condolences to Betty, Todd, and Susan. Remember the good times.

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**Del Tapparo** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ As a wholesaler and a publishers representative I had the privileg of knowing Bud for many years. I remember playing golf with him.

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**Larry & Sandy Huitt** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ It was my good fortune to have two very special brothers. Bud was the oldest and, of course, that made him the boss in our family. He teased me all my life but I most remember his teasing when I was a teenager. It bothered my mother, too, and when he went into the Navy at about age 19, she proclaimed, "Thank Goodness, I don't know if I could have stood it any longer." Of course, as soon as he was gone, she was lonesome for him and worried about his safety. After he returned home he was married to Betty while still in the service, I decided he was a pretty great guy. Like so many others have said, he always had a smile and he loved to laugh. He and my husband Dick got along great; we visited them in Phoenix a few times and always enjoyed our times together. He was a wonderful guy and especially a wonderful brother and I'm so glad I can say he was "my" brother. Marian Gatto, Sister Dick Gatto, Brother in law Denver, Colorado

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**Marian** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Betty, Todd, and Susan, I'm very sorry for yor loss. Your father and I go back a long way. Todd, Susan think back to all the weekends the four us spent at Poudre Valley News. Bud would build the magazine racks, and the three of us were his helpers. When the day was over your father would take us to Pitza Hut. Bud was a true gentleman whom I was proud to have worked with for thirty years Earl D. Buckendorf

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**Earl D. Buckendorf** - August 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ My Dad is my hero! From the time I was a little girl up to when I was a grown woman, my dad guided me with his wisdom and knowledge in that wonderful caring way. I always strived to make dad proud of me and will continue to do that forever. I love and miss him very much!

Susan Urban - August 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Betty & family Those of us who had Bud in our lives are very fortunate. He was a great man. He holds a special place in my heart and will be truly missed. My thoughts are with you.

Pam Stokes - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ With our deepest condolences! Dr. Cary Sanders and Staff have donated \$25 to the Alzheimer Association in Bud's name!

Cary Sanders - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ My deepest simpthy for the loss of a truely great person. I got to know Bud and Betty at Perkins and regarded them as my friends. Peace be with Bud and family love and support for Betty

Jerry Grandt - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Bud had such an impact on our young lives starting out at Poudre Valley News, none of us will soon forget the kindhearted, nurturing soul that Bud was. He and his family will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers. Our deepest condolences to you Betty and your family.

Pam & Mike Orzell - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I 1st called on Bud in 1957. His integrity & honesty was appreciated & never changed. As an owner his counsel was invaluable in later yrs. Peace to his family

John & Pat - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Hard to believe Uncle Bud is gone. Have so many great memories of the many Thanksgiving's and Christmas's our families spent together. He was the only uncle i ever had and I was very fortunate to have known him. His infectious grin and silly laugh will always be great memories of mine. Will miss ya lots Uncle Bud.

Britt Wilson - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I was so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. He was a cheerful and positive person and loved to laugh. My prayers go out to you Betty, Todd and Susan. Kathey Strasheim Disler

Kathey A Disler - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Buds passing. I had the privilege to work for Bud at Poudre Valley News and Mountain States News from 1979 until his retirement in 1995. Buds leadership, gentle management style and sincerity made everyone there feel comfortable. I am truly blessed to have learned so much from Bud and appreciate the opportunities he afforded me. I continue to benefit from his instruction every day. My condolences to Betty, Todd, Susan and to Buds extended family. What a wonderful man... He will be deeply missed but will remain in my thoughts forever.

Jeff Gillette - August 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Betty, Susan, and Todd, I am so sorry to hear about Bud. I have very fond memories of him. He definately made a difference in my life and will be greatly missed. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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**Debbie Hull** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Bud was my mentor, teacher, and friend. His wisdom, compassion and kindness helped mold me into person I am today. The world has lost a great soul with his passing. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

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**Mike Flori** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My prayer and thoughts are with you and your family. He was a great person to work with and a friend.

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**Rene' Morgan** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM