



## Robert Dean Haynes

January 7, 1933 - December 9, 2020

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend was taken from this life when COVID-19 “came in the front door and grabbed him.”

Robert Dean Haynes, 87, passed from this life into the arms of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 9, 2020 in Fort Collins, Colorado due to COVID-19. He was born January 7, 1933 to Doris Adkison and Eldridge Haynes in Fort Collins, Colorado. He graduated from Fort Collins High school in 1951 and enlisted in the US Navy. He married Mary Louise Bateman in 1953 and was later divorced. He married June Garretson in 1962 and they shared 58 wonderful years. He lived many years in Rawlins, Wyoming where he was well known for his sense of humor and kindness. He always had a kind word and smile. He served faithfully as a member of France Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Jaycees and the Elks.

He was employed by Robert Jack Smith and Associates and enjoyed many life-long friendships. Most of all, he was a loving and supportive husband and father.

His children all remember him as a patient teacher -fishing, driving, map reading, hunting, and silly songs. He taught all of us a great love for the outdoors -many great memories of camping and fishing. Cathy remembers hunting for arrowheads and learning how to read a topographical map. He

taught Jim how to shoot a gun and we had many rabbit dinners thanks to their prowess. Our Dad was always our champion and we all knew that he had our back. Nancy always knew how to push his buttons and frequently did! Dad kept every apology to remind her of his love for her. Diane is grateful that Dad retained his patience! He taught her much from puzzles to games, to learning to drive.

He moved back to Fort Collins in 1988 where he worked as a Land surveyor for Larimer County. He made many new friends and rekindled old friendships. He was a member of Timnath Presbyterian Church where he served in many positions but most enjoyed being the official hugger. Bob loved his dogs and shared his home with many of them through the years. He was the world's greatest armchair quarterback and also enjoyed baseball and other sports. He was a huge fan of country music and especially loved the old classics. He loved working his crossword puzzles and word jumble every morning and instilled that love in each of his children. He was an avid reader and always had a stack of books by his chair.

He is survived by his wife June Haynes, his children Catherine (James) Tiller, Utah; James (Sherri) Haynes, Washington; Nancy (Lawren) Green, Utah; Diane (Will) Smith, Tennessee; 10 grandchildren, 18 great- grandchildren, and three great- great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings, a great-grandson and many beloved dogs including Ranger.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, August 14, 2021 at Timnath Presbyterian Church, 4020 Main Street, Timnath, CO 80547.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Bob's name to Larimer Humane Society, 3501 E 71st Street; Loveland, CO 80538. Online at <https://www.larimernihumane.org/> or by telephone 970-226-3647. They also have a wish list on their website if you would like to make a tangible donation in Bob's name.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

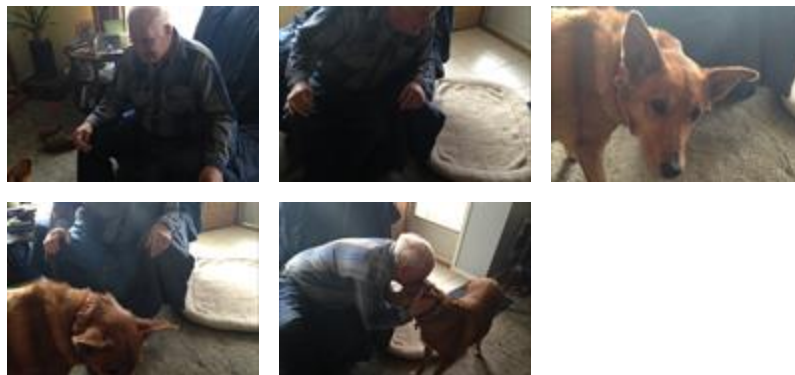
AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Timnath Presbyterian Church  
4020 Main Street  
Timnath, 80547

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ 6 files added to the album Robert Haynes



Nancy Haynes Green - February 12, 2021 at 10:31 AM

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“ 8 files added to the album Robert Haynes



Nancy Green - January 05, 2021 at 02:02 PM

Dianne  
McMahill

“ June. Sad to hear the news. My prayers for you and your family.  
Dianne McMahill

Dianne McMahill - December 22, 2020 at 08:15 PM

BD

“ Bob and June became very active in Timnath Presbyterian Church when they returned to Fort Collins. Bob became the official greeter to all visitors who came. He was like Dora Jeffers who had played a similar role when our family joined the church in the mid 70's. He was a great hugger and very friendly to all. He will be missed by all at TPC and we wish June and all the family our heartfelt sympathies at this holiday time of the year. June, you will always be in our prayers and look forward to being able to give you a hug as well!  
Bruce and Bobbie

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**BARBARA J DOUGLAS** - December 22, 2020 at 12:26 PM

JJ

“ June- I am so very sorry for your loss. Robert was one of my favorites when I worked at the doctors office (AFM). I pray that you are able to find peace and comfort in the days ahead. You and your family are in my thoughts.  
God Bless-  
Jamie

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**Jamie Jefferson** - December 21, 2020 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ Mark & Ingrid Tegtman and family purchased the In Memory - Comfort Candles for the family of Robert Dean Haynes.



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**Mark & Ingrid Tegtman and family** - December 21, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LS

“ June, this is Lonnie Sheldon. So sorry to hear of this news. Bob was sure a great guy in my eyes. We had fun each day working together and his old sayings have stuck and will stick with me forever.

*"I am so hungry, I could eat roadkill.... with no salt".*

*Many, many others - not so fit to print here, but sure were light, funny and fun.*

*I think I worked with Bob for just 2 years at the County as Surveyors. We were In the field most days. We also worked together some when I was going to school at CSU. He could set up the instrument so quickly and always without much effort. He eyeballed things and would check-in and be so close always. He really had the equipment we used mastered! The work he did was second nature and easy for him. We never messed up as he always knew just how to check our work along the way to avoid that.*

*Lunchtime stories were always looked forward to with Bob. We would listen to Paul Harvey and "the rest of the story" most days. We worked in some beautiful places together, around Horsetooth Reservoir, around Red Feather Lakes, around Chambers Lake, around Sand Creek, around Pingree Park....and also the many bridge or road construction projects staking out things. He admired the beauty of the surroundings always and I must say, the lunches you packed him were the envy of the crew!*

*I loved his dog stories and his tender heart for dogs. I think at one time he had three o'l farm dogs he was walking...., I so enjoyed checking in with you both this fall with you and him on the back porch of your house. Who knew that would be our last visit here on earth. I was about to put a note on the front door when he walked out the west side of the house. So glad I saw that and we could talk even if it was for just a short while like 30 minutes or so. He sure missed church given the CV19 restrictions.*

*He was such an easy friend to have. I really did enjoy our friendship along the way.*

*I will miss him and remember him. He shaped me in ways and showed by a good example of how to get the job done, correctly, and build friendships along the way.*

*Please let me know if and when the memorial is planned. I would*

*love to come and honor our friendship. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you. I would sure like to do that. I would also (if it works) love to have some small memorabilia of his related to surveying...if you come across an old scale, paperweight, plumb bob, hand level, field book, even if broken or torn.... it doesn't matter, but I would love to put my hands where his were once and remember him through surveying that way.*

*He left a great low key "fatherly" wisdom image with me that I so much value!*

*All the best and thanks for sharing him! I imagine him "catching up" with Lynn Boss and Brian Barnes and old Bill Campton up in Heaven. My cell is 970-443-3271 so please keep in touch and we will do the same.*

*I am sorry June that Bob has passed. He loved you so deeply and always was complimentary of you and how you took care of him and thankful for your relationship. Yet another great example of his character.*

*I will send a donation to the Humane Society in his name from Van Horn Engineering and Surveying in Estes Park!*

*Lonnie*

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**Lonnie Sheldon** - December 20, 2020 at 11:40 PM