



Russell Allen Hatfield

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Russell Allen Hatfield, 92, of Wellington passed away November 29, 2012 at Spring Creek Health Care in Fort Collins. Mr. Hatfield was born October 19, 1920 in Fort Collins, Colorado to Monroe and Lillian Bittner Hatfield. Russell married Lydia Hettinger on May 7, 1944 in Kimball, Nebraska. They had been married sixty eight years. Mr. Hatfield was a Sergeant in the United States Army during WWII. He served with the 10th Mountain Division, 87th Infantry based at Camp Hale in Colorado near what is now Ski Cooper ski resort. After WWII Russ and Lydia lived in Eaton, Colorado, then moved to Wellington in 1957. Russ volunteered with the Wellington Fire Department as a firefighter and chief for many years. He owned and operated a TV and radio repair service, Russ's Conoco Service and Russ's Backhoe Service. He was also a part time school bus driver for Poudre School District for many years. He enjoyed being with friends and family, camping, fishing, telling jokes, and collecting pens and watches. Survivors include his wife, Lydia; sons, Steven, Randall and Thomas Hatfield Sally; brother, Ronald Hatfield; four grandchildren, Michelle Bothwell Darrell, Mike Hatfield, Christy Moore Mitch and Tara Hatfield; seven great-grandchildren, Mike, Kieyesia, Mariah and Brittney Bothwell, Cody, Braden and Brody Moore. Preceding Russell in death are his parents, Monroe and Lillian, son, Richard; sister, Carol; brother, Warren; and grandson, Brandon Hatfield. A Memorial Service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on December 14, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Growing up in Waverly and Wellington Mr. Hatfield was my bus driver. He always had a smile and knew how to keep the rowdy boys in line with a stern look, followed by a wicked smile. As I got older I came to know Russell as Irene’s future father-in-law and Randy’s dad. He was kind, caring and a good listener. He always had a great sense of humor. I know those around him at his current address are having the time of their lives listening to his stories and keeping up with his dry sense of humor. To the entire family, please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences during this difficult time.

Kathy Anderson - December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lydia, Randy, Shelly, Mike and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Russell's passing. I have so many fond memories of him. Irene and I were reminiscing a few days ago about all the great things that made Russell so special. He will be missed by all those who knew him. Even though I've not seen him for many years, I have thought about him many times. God Bless You All in this difficult time, but rest assured that He and the Lord are the best of buddies and are probably fishing together somewhere great. All my love; Nancy

Nancy Aylward - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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Nancy Aylward - December 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Our thoughts are with your family. I am an RN at Spring Creek and was given the gift of being able to care for him at the end of his journey. I am truly grateful. He was such a sweet gentleman. That smile and giggle was completely contagious. I would tell him how I wish I could stick him in my pocket and take him home with me. He thought I was just so silly. You will be missed Russ.

Jasmine Mosdell - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Russ was a much loved memory of my childhood in Wellington, whether it was at the school bus, watching the volunteer fire department or stopping by the gas station. My condolences to Randy, Tom, and Steve and of course Mrs. Hatfield. I am thinking about you today with smiles.

Kathy DeGabain Harris - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Tom, Randy, and Steve and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Dede and Joe

Joe and Dede Crabill - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Growing up in Wellington, I have many fond memories of "Mr. Hatfield". When I got on his bus, he always called me by a boys name usually George or Fred...I fondly do that now with students in my classroom. One Christmas, my youth group was caroling around Wellington, and we stopped by his house. As I was leaving the porch, I slipped and fell, spraining my ankle. He replied, "Get a gun, that is what they do to horses when they break a leg" -- he wasn't being mean, just trying to get me to laugh!! I know he will keep the angels in heaven on their toes!! Molly Tucker Lecheler

MollyTucker Lecheler - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM