



## Ted Rhodes

May 23, 1924 - February 5, 2013

"Ted" Chester Douglas Rhodes, 88, of Fort Collins, died February 5, 2013 at a local nursing home. Mr. Rhodes was born May 23, 1924 in Arkansas City, Kansas to Thomas and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Rhodes. Ted married Nadine Melba Holman on May 18, 1947 in Winfield, Kansas. Mr. Rhodes moved to Fort Collins in 1955 from Winfield, Kansas. He was a mechanic and owned and operated Rhodes Auto Repair. He was a veteran of the Army and served in WWII. He was involved with the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts as his children were growing up. He enjoyed woodworking and loved to be with people. Survivors include his son, Douglas Rhodes of Williamsburg, Kansas; daughter, Constance Lynn Lynch of Clinton, Utah; brother, Merle Rhodes of Winfield, Kansas; four grandchildren, Paul, Elizabeth, Amy and Emily; and six great grandchildren. Preceding Ted in death are his parents, his wife, Nadine; one brother and two sisters. A special thanks to JoAnn and the Elder Haus Staff for their love and support to Ted. A Memorial Service with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veterans Honor Guard will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Elderhaus in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ I am so glad I happened to be in Fort Collins and could attend TR's service. He was a very special person to me.

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**Kacy Thompson** - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Doug and Connie, We have been out of town so got the sad news late. Your family is made up of 4 wonderful people. Your mom and dad and the two of you. My contact was of course through church and helping Ted with Girl Scout camping and hiking trips. Your dad always had a smile, a twinkle in his eye and a cheerful word. One trip that stands out in my mind was a backpacking trip starting at Poudre Lake in Rocky Mountain park and ending at Long Draw reservoir. I remember a couple of kids crawling into my tent who didn't have one one night when it started raining. They didn't take your dads advice when he told everyone that a tent was needed. Liz always anticipated his birthday phone call to her. Ted was a very special friend. God Bless you Doug and Connie. Let me know what you are doing now. Bob Webb bewebb@msn.com

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**Bob Webb** - March 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So many memories of both Ted & Nadine, it is hard to pick out one to share. As one of the many scouts they shared their time with, I can only smile when either Ted or Nadine are mentioned. My fondest memory of Ted has to be, closing the shop down on those Saturday mornings. Ted believed that all his girls, who got a driving license, should know basic car maintenance. Including how to change a tire themselves! It made for an entertaining morning. But one I remembered, when I got that flat many years later in the middle of nowhere! I just knew Ted was smiling that little grin, while leaning back against the wall.

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**Sue Miller** - February 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I was Ted's Teller at Key Bank for four years. Ted brightened my day every day I saw him. I will miss his jokes and his smiling face. I will miss his wood working presents he would bring me. Ted had a great sense of humor that made the whole Oak branch smile, even the other clients standing in line waiting would get a kick out of him. Ted will be truly missed by all and will never be forgotten.

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**Tammy J Morgan** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Doug and Connie, I remember your mom and dad with great fondness. Ted was always at church with a smile, a story, and good advice to a young Sheriff who many times didn't have all the answers. Ted was a Godly man, who loved his family, his church and his community. Although he has gone, he will be remembered with great fondness by Jann and I. May God continue to Bless your family. Love you guys,

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**Jim and Jann Black** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Doug, Connie, and families - As an old nephew, I'm wishing we could be there with you, but our thoughts are there. I'm remembering the family reunions and Teds unique gifts. A favorite trip with ted was when a group of us met in southern Utah with jeeps and Buggys to explore the back canyon country. God be with you.

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**Robert Rhodes** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Ted we will miss you coming in and getting your mashed potatoes and telling us jokes you were a special person who touched our hearts the deli at safeway won't be the same without you we will miss you deeply Shela, Tishanna and Christina The girls at safeway

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**shela williams** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Doug and Connie, It is so hard to know what to say about your dad. Ted came into my life at a very important time following my own father's death. The afternoons spent at the shop and store with your mom and dad were so important to me; advice, help, jokes, listening, those were the things I remember most, and of course, skiing, snowshoeing, laughter and caring. Your dad embodied a true generous, Godly attitude that was shared with so many. Thank you Connie and Doug for sharing your family with so many. We all were truly blessed. Ted, thank you for blessing me and my family, for being a role model and guide to a better place, Bertie Bob Crump-Bertram, aka Bob Bertram

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**Bob Crump-Bertram** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CL

“*Connie and Doug, So sorry to hear about your Dad. I will always remember his teasing and his sense of humor. I loved the vacations our family visited yours in Colorado. Such wonderful memories. As a girl, I always admired Ted for all the time and effort he gave to the Girl Scouts. You guys got to do the coolest stuff. He and Nadine were the best Uncle and Aunt. Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.*

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**Cathy Lester** - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“*Greeting people at church every Sunday morning--following in Ira Dickinson's steps. Taking the BYF group to the mountains snowshoing--which I loved! The crystal pure snow & quiet serenity of the pines, walking like I was wearing diapers Ted's only snow shoing instructions. Ted mimmicking Nadine while she quietly stood to the side chuckling at him. Ted asking me a million "Connie wants to know..." questions or "Connie tells me..." tales you, Connie, had shared with your parents. Junior high years: Mary & Connie together laughing, babbling & giggling; every summer sharing a week at church camp; every Sunday sharing time in Sunday School, church, and BYF. Our families were intimate, faithful members of the church family. Now we share the passing of yet another parent, both knowing in our hearts the grief of loss and yet the celebration of their life again, with God & loved ones gone before. God's love embrace & comfort you & give you strength, Connie, Doug & families.*

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**Mary Shotwell Schumm** - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Connie and Doug: I was sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Although I hadn't seen him in many years, I clearly remember him as a very kind, funny man who would do anything for anyone in need. He typified the biblical definition of a Neighbor. And a better neighbor to my Mother there could not have been through the years. Truly a good, good man.*

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**Allen Van Driel** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Doug and Connie - Thinking of you and your families. Your Dad and Mom were always so special - with scouting, friends and just being there. I hadn't seen Mr. Rhodes since my Dad's funeral, and again he was so kind and caring. I'm glad he and Mrs. Rhodes are now watching over us all together - thanks for all of the sharing you did. We had great hikes, dinners, camping trips, sharing the wood working skills.... The list is endless. A hug to all of you. Deb*

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**Deb Mucklow Starling** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *To all of Teds Family our thoughts and prayers go out to you. We Know how difficult this has been for you, Doug and Connie just wish we could have helped do something. We have great memories of the fun and laughs we all had together and keep them close at this time. Eva*

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**Allen & Eva Runyan** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Ted was the best kind of neighbor one could ever hope for, and was definitely a hard-working dedicated family man. In addition, he and Nadine, along with Mr. and Mrs. Getts, put an incredible amount of time and effort into their Girl Scout troops. They introduced hundreds of girls to camping, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, and jeeping, gave them a love of travel and the outdoors, and made it all look easy. I can't even imagine how Ted was able to keep those old buses running for all the miles they traveled. I'd like to think he's at rest now, but he's probably found some other angels who need a little help – that's just the kind of guy Ted is.

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**Martha VanDriel** - February 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Connie and Doug, I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of your father, especially his corny jokes. He was a special man - very generous with his time and talents. I appreciated all he did for my mom over the years, and I admired the loving way he cared for your mom in her later years. Take comfort that they are together again. Peace.

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**Bryan VanDriel** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ I used to work at the hardware store downtown and Ted was always in the store. He was always so friendly and always had something funny to say. If he ever had a bad day, he never showed it. He was a wonderful man.

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**Angela** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Doug and Connie, I have so many wonderful memories of your dad, not the least of which are the ones where he was helping others. One time I had car trouble on my way from Collins to Ottawa. He came with my dad to fix my car so I could be on my way. I can picture him now telling jokes to God. With my prayers that you know God's comfort and strength at this time. Jan

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**Jan Lee** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I haven't seen Ted in 25 years but I remember him going on a cross-country ski trip I led for the Mountain Shop. What a character. And he wouldn't wear a hat! I asked why and he said, "the Army made me wear a hat everyday and I swore when I got out I'd never wear a hat again". Hope he never did!

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**Rodney Ley** - February 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM