



Theodore E. Hotchkiss

August 25, 1924 - May 1, 2011

Theodore E. Ted Hotchkiss, 86, of Fort Collins passed away May 1, 2011 at Poudre Valley Hospital. Ted was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 25, 1924. Due to early death of his father, he was raised in the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home in La Grange, Illinois from 1929 until 1942. He was educated in local suburban schools graduating from high school in June 1942 just after Pearl Harbor was bombed. Ted enrolled as Aviation Cadet but later was released with 36, 000 other cadets and assigned to infantry. Mr. Hotchkiss spent 18 months in the European Theater as an infantry medic. Upon his return home he attended college for two and a half year but did not graduate. He met Libby Tittle on the Bluebird bus line in 1948. They were married on September 17, 1949 in Berwyn, Illinois and celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2009. The greater part of Ted's working career was in sales work. He worked for Prudential, and Bankers Life and Casualty ending his career as National Director of Training for Bankers. Ted was active in Golden K Kiwanis, Masonic Home Alumni, Editor of Old Timer's Newsletter for Home Alumni, and volunteered at Spring Creek Nursing Home.

He is survived by wife, Libby; son and daughter in law, Michael and Gayle; two grandsons, Jedediah and Jacob; and two nieces, Marilyn Baird and Carolyn Hansen. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Make a Wish Foundation of Colorado in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort collins, Colorado 80524. A Memorial Service with flag presentation will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at Plymouth Congregational

Church, 916 W Prospect Rd. Interment will be held at Fort McPherson Cemetery in Maxwell, Nebraska at a later date.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ On behalf of my mother, Betty Lou Holzwart and our family, we would like to express our sympathy to your family. She was saddened to hear of his passing. Mom always enjoyed Ted's letters and memories of their life at the Home in LaGrange. We have a copy of his 1977 book, *The Night the Stars Went Out*, to remember what a special person he was.

Denise Marks Holzwart - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Ted and Libby were our next door neighbors for several years when we lived in Sherwood Shores. It was a great pleasure to get to know them as friends as well as neighbors. We admired and respected Ted for his determination to become a success despite the difficulties of his early childhood. He was a warm and cheerful man, always a delight to talk to. We are saddened to know he is gone. Our sincere condolences to Libby and the rest of Ted's family.
Roger Wolfe & Deborah Bayliss

Roger Wolfe - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am sad that Uncle Teddy is no longer with us, but will always remember his smiling face and hearty chuckle. He was a special guy. Sending love to Aunt Libby, Michael and the family from all of us here. As Uncle Ted always signed: XXX000

Carolyn Hansen - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dearest Libby & Michael Don't know if you remember me,I was the little girl who lived next to Auntie Bessie in N.Riverside.I was really young but I do remember Ted's big smile & strong voice. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Dawn King DiCristina

Dawn DiCristina - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ My deepest condolences on Ted's passing. He was a good friend and an inspirational and very talented business associate. Dick Brady, BL&C

Richard Brady - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HI

“ Our Hotchkiss family sends to your Hotchkiss family condolences upon the death of your loved one, Theodore Hotchkiss. With your approval he will be remembered in our family newsletter. Joan Johnson historian/genealogist Hotchkiss Family Assoc., Inc.

Hotchkiss Family Association, Inc. - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ To receive a call or email from Ted always made my day! Ted was a kind soul with such good humor and the world was blessed to have had him. He will always hold a special place in my heart and I can only hope to see him again someday. Here I share my deepest condolences with dear Libby, son Michael and family.

Beth Wright - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Ted was everyone's favorite member of Poudre Golden K Kiwanis. Early each meeting day people watched for Ted to come in, take his accustomed seat, and make his or her way over to attend the "Ted" meeting. Then he usually had a story to share with the attendees. We will always miss him deeply. Barbara and Cliff Shaw

clifford and barbara shaw - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ We will remember Ted's smile, pleasant manner and good humor. He and Libby enjoyed exercising at the Fort Collins Club, where we met them. Ted always had a good story to tell. He was usually surrounded by friends at the Club eager to hear his stories. He will be missed! Joan & Crew Waite

Joan & Crew Waite - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Ted was a person with high values and a good sense of humor. He was a great neighbor and will be dearly missed by us. He always smiled, and was a very kind person. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife Libby and family. Dietmar and Julie Kuehn

Julie Kuehn - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM