



## Verlyn Richardson

September 7, 1918 - September 20, 2012

Verlyn Richardson, 94, of Ft. Collins, died September 20, 2012 at a local nursing home. Verlyn was born September 7, 1918 in Phillipsburg, Norton County, Kansas to Martin and Ida Richardson. Verlyn attended Liberty Country School, walking one and a half miles each way for eight years. When he started high school he had to ride horseback, seven miles each way. He graduated from Long Island High School in 1937. After graduating, he spread his wings all the way to Salem, Oregon where he worked odd jobs farming, in carpentry, and canning factories. He moved back to Greeley, Colorado in 1938 where he worked on a dairy farm and then went to work at Remington Arms making 30.6 shells. He married Dorothy Johnson on August 25, 1940. She preceded him in death. He worked for Monfort Feed Lots for two years before he started farming in Wiggins, Colorado. In 1950 he moved to Poudre Canyon and worked for Mawson Lumber Company. In 1952 he went to work for the Water Department for the City of Fort Collins. January 5, 1974 he married Dorothy Dickson. He then retired, September 1983 after 23 years of service as the Superintendent of the Water Department for the City of Greeley. After retirement Verlyn and Dorothy traveled extensively in their motor home wintering in Arizona, California, and Texas. He was a resident at Parkwood Estates the past several years. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church. Verlyn enjoyed hunting, fishing, and playing cribbage. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Ft. Collins; son, Wayne Richardson and wife, Terry of Amarillo, Texas; daughter, Marilyn LaFrenz and her husband,

Mike of Rockport, Texas; stepson, Jim Underwood and his wife Judith of Mukilteo, Washington; a sister, Eileen Kissell; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Verlyn was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Dorothy, and six siblings. Verlyn would especially like to thank Donna and Jack Gammie for their care and support. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ I was so sorry to learn of cousin Verlyn's passing. I didn't know him well as I have lived in CA for many years but did get to visit with him at a Gebhard family reunion in Long Island a few years ago. My parents had always spoken so highly of him. It is sad to lose another cousin. My sincere sympathy to his family.

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**Meryllene Gebhard Smith** - September 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I will miss dear Verlyn, as I know all of you will. He was a dear friend and neighbor in Oakridge, always lending a helping hand, offers to fix things, or just a friendly greeting. The past several years I have had the privilege of taking Verlyn to dinner about once a month. He always had kind words for his family and others and was one of the most sincere and genuine individuals that I've known in my lifetime. Again, Verlyn will be sorely missed and I pray for the family's comfort and peace in the coming months and years. Warmly,  
Gretchen Wheeler

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**Gretchen Wheeler** - September 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Verlyn and Dorothy were our neighbors in Oakridge. I truly thought you'd outlive all of us, Verlyn! We both had gardens on either side of a common fence. Verlyn taught me so much about maintaining a garden, including controlling hornworms so they wouldn't go to his tomatoes! I also recall him accidentally slipping into his window well one day all alone and he BUILT his way out by using a hammer to catch on to wood just outside the window well and making himself a ladder. There was nothing he couldn't do or fix. We will miss you, friend. Rick and Julie Schleusener and family

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**Julie Schleusener** - September 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ Verlyn, your humor and wit will be missed but not forgotten. Thank you for sharing with us how to enjoy life in the rain and your homemade Strawberry Rubarb jelly. God Bless you!

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**Todd and Martha Zook** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. I am going to miss Verlyn coming to see me for a cup of coffee and telling me stories. He always spoke so highly of you Dorothy. He will be missed by all of us at the bank.

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**Renee Harvey** - September 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Uncle Verlyn. One of my most favorite times was when Uncle Verlyn and Aunt Dorothy came to California and I spent many days with them going to Disneyland and San Diego.

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**Martha Cochran Cunningham** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I hearts and prayers go out to the family of Verlyn. It is hard when you lose a love one. Even harder for those he leaves behind but know that we share in your loss. Love Brad and Linda

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**Brad & Linda Blincoe** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My sympathies. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Gladys Ellerman** - September 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I remember sitting in the black recliner that was Grandpa Verlyn's. It was "broken in" well enough for me to kick back as a little tike.  
Denicee

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**Denicee Becker** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Sincere condolences to the family from Cousin Dorothy Ames Tubbs and family. Dorothy is 96 years old and lives in an independent living facility in Norton, KS. She has many memories of Verlyn and both Dorothys. She misses all the cousins who have gone on and counts up the few remaining. She will miss the visits by telephone with Verlyn. Her children are Lloyd Tubbs of Long Island, KS; Kathie Martin of Danville, CA; and Kevin Tubbs of Almena, KS. Blessings to all.

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**Dorothy Ames Tubbs** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Always admired Verlyn as an older cousin while growing up. Enjoyed visiting with him when both retired and spending winters in Texas campgrounds.

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**Marlin & Velma Ames** - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Specail Sympathy to Wayne & Terri, Marilyn & Mike and Donna....and the rest of the family.....

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**Melvin & Grace Grau** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I rember the times we had at the house on Whedbee.

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**Richard Richardson** - September 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *My condolences go out to the family of Uncle Verlyn. Remembering good times growing up with get togethers at his home with Aunt Dorothy, Wayne, and Marilyn when they lived in the mountains. Blessings to the family as they go through this transition.*

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**Elle Tergina** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM