



## Warren Keith Kraxberger

November 6, 1921 - August 12, 2010

Warren Keith Kraxberger, 88, went to be with his Lord on August 12, 2010. He was born November 6, 1921 in Ft. Collins, Colorado to Martin and Laura Kraxberger. He and his siblings were raised on farms in Arriba, and later, Falcon, Colorado. While in high school Warren met the love of his life, Verlene Saucerman. He attended UNC in Greeley for one year. Against his parents' wishes, he dropped out of college and traveled to California to be with Verlene and they married on September 14, 1941. They have four children, Larry Pat of Atlanta, GA, Judy Harley Bixler of Ft. Worth, TX, David Linda of Atlanta, GA, and Steve Dede of Ft. Collins. Warren was always interested in cars so he began work in the parts business in 1946 with Foster Auto Parts. He started his own store, Parts, Inc. in Loveland in 1964. He later moved to Ft. Collins and opened Tiger Auto Parts on N. College Ave. His son, Steve joined him in the business and they expanded to seven locations. They eventually sold their business, but Warren continued to work at the stores, delivering parts and being around the customers he so enjoyed. Warren was a long time member of Meadowlark Church of Christ, and was very important in their bus ministry program. He loved driving the bus to help people get to church. He was a very devout Christian who truly lived his faith. His lifelong hobby was collecting Studebaker cars. At one time he had 11 Studebakers and 4 Avantis. However, his first love was being around people. He genuinely enjoyed his friends and making new ones. He loved pulling practical jokes and making everyone laugh. Warren's warm humor will be remembered and missed by all

who knew him. Warren was preceded in death by his brother, Wayne, of Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Verlene; their four children, nine grandchildren and fourteen great-grand children. Warren also leaves his sister, Virginia Shaver of Colorado Springs; and his brother, Doug Pat of Portland, Oregon. His family asks that in lieu of flowers any contributions be made to Mountain States Children's Home in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

# Tribute Wall

LG

“ I first met Warren through my stepfather, Dan Aragon. They had known each other for many years. I often took Dan to Tiger Auto to get parts. I was newly back in town in 83 and needed to have my car fixed. Having just started working and no credit, he took a chance and let me have the parts. He helped me establish my good credit. I traded with Tiger auto up until Warren turned over business to his son. Warren was the kindest person and he truly loved his customers and went out of his way to help them. He treated everyone with the utmost respect. I was saddened to hear of his passing, but I know that he left a wonderful legacy to his family, whom he loved very much. His kindness to me and Dan will always remain with me.

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**Liz Gutierrez** - August 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Dave: We are so sorry to hear about your dad's recent passing. I know he was a wonderful man. Russ and Sally

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**Russ Neal** - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Loving condolences to Verlene, and all who knew and loved Warren.

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**MaryJane Macy** - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We haven't been able to be with Warren many times during his lifetime but knew him to be a wonderful father to Judy Bixler and a wonderful husband to Verlene. Our sincere sympathy to the family! We know that he will be greatly missed!! Sue and Gilbert Yarbrough

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**Sue Yarbrough** - August 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ On behalf of the North Fort Collins Business Association NFCBA, we want to send our condolences to Warren's family. Warren was a long time member of our organization, as well as a good friend, and he will be missed. The NFCBA will be making a donation to our Coats and Boots program this fall in Warren's honor.

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**Greg Woods** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Our thoughts are with you. Gay, Evan, Leo & Rylee.

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**Gay Tucker** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Will always remember Uncle Warren for his love of family and love of pranks...He enjoyed making people laugh. Our deepest condolences to the family he leaves behind. We rejoice that he is with our daddy, Vern Shaver.. With love and prayers, Vickie & Gay

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**Vickie & Gay Smith** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ What a blessing to have such a wonderful father all of your life. Your parents raised a beautiful family. Your dad will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Mary & Mark Ruhlman** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Warren was my favorite uncle he changed my life from a boy to a man. The last thing he told me was that would see me in heaven. I'm so glad to know that is true. We will all miss him very much. Until we meet again.

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**Barry Kraxberger** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Words cannot express the sorrow I felt when I heard your sweet daddy had passed. After over thirty-three years of being your friend, I surely know what he meant to you, Judy. We are never prepared to let our loved ones go. I hope you will try to only remember the good and healthy days for your dad, as I know that is how he would like to be remembered. I can say one thing for him, for sure, he raised the best woman I know as his daughter. I love you like a sister -- my heart is with you. Love you, Peggy

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**Peggy Carroll** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My prayers are with you. Warren allowed me to learn about customer service the correct way. He will be missed but know he is home. Thank you Warren.

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**Mary Lynne Hill** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ My grandfather is remembered as someone who daily thought of and asked for help from the Lord. He loved to have fun, loved to laugh, and love his wife well. I will miss him. Gretchen Barber

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**Gretchen Barber** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ I remember the Kraxberger family when we were neighbors on Cameo Avenue in Loveland, CO...back in the mid-1960's. I used to love to get up in the mornings in December and look at the Christmas lights on your house that your dad left on all night. And, either Dave or Steve looked out for our youngest brother, Steven. Our condolences and prayers are with your family.

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**David L. Dassler** - August 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Larry and family--You are in our prayers for His peace and comfort during this time. Charles & Annette Summerour

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**Charles Summerour** - August 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dave, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family this week as well as Saturday for the memorial service. I find joy in knowing that I met and shared conversations with your Father in your home at several of your family gatherings. Please give my best to your Mother, brothers, and sister. Love to you, Linda, Trista, Nate, and Jill.

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**Ann Hudson** - August 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM