



## Willard Duane Froseth

December 7, 1926 - May 22, 2025

Willard Duane Froseth of Fort Collins passed away on May 22, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 7, 1926 to Selmer and Bessie Froseth in Garretson, South Dakota. After serving in the U.S. Navy as a radar operator in WWII, Willard earned his degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University. He spent his career in the Army Corps of Engineers for the U.S. Department of Civil Defense. Willard was an avid runner, a sport he took up after retirement. A favorite memory of many is the winning smile he flashed, arms raised in the air as he crossed many a finish line. Always top in his age group, Willard participated in local marathons, charity runs and the Senior Olympics. He never met a stranger, always had a joke or story and was loved by so many. Willard was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Saint Ann Elizabeth Parrish. Willard is survived by his children, Steve (Debra) Froseth, Bruce (Sue) Froseth, Cheryl (Jeff) Shaw, Susan Froseth, seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Preceding Willard in death was his wife Shirley Froseth and daughter Cynthia McGlaufflin.

The visitation will be held 4-6pm, Wednesday, May 28, 2025 with the rosary to follow at 6 pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The funeral mass will be held 10:30 am, Thursday, May 29, 2025 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 5450 S. Lemay Ave. Interment with military honors will be held 10:30 am, Monday, June 2, 2025 at Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

## Rosary

MAY 28. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

## Funeral Mass

MAY 29. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
5450 S Lemay Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

JUN 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Fort Logan National Cemetery  
3698 South Sheridan Boulevard  
Denver, CO 80235

# Tribute Wall



“ *Martha Philpott lit a candle in memory of Willard Duane Froseth*



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**Martha Philpott** - June 02, 2025 at 09:45 AM

LC

“ *My husband and I have great memories of Willard through St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. We got to know him as a volunteer for the 3-day church festival that happened in the 2000's. He was so much fun to be around! Always smiling and always telling a great tale.  
May God grant his soul eternal peace and smile upon him always!  
Lori & Carl Cicero*

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**Lori Cicero** - May 28, 2025 at 03:09 PM

BB

“ *Bill Benton lit a candle in memory of Willard Duane Froseth*



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**Bill Benton** - May 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM

CM

“ Craig And Sally Miller lit a candle in memory of Willard Duane Froseth



Craig and Sally Miller - May 27, 2025 at 07:36 PM

CM

Uncle Willard was definitely one of a kind. His smile could light up a room. We have so many memories of his visits to Houston. His story telling was also one of his many gifts to those who loved him. He was a wonderful man, who leaves behind a great legacy. He truly lived a wonderful life.

Craig And Sally Miller - May 27, 2025 at 07:47 PM

PR

“ Paul And Susan Rix lit a candle in memory of Willard Duane Froseth



Paul and Susan Rix - May 27, 2025 at 06:01 PM

SR

“ So saddened for the loss of Willard. He touched so many lives, and shared the best stories! Paul and I will always have wonderful memories of time spent with him. It has been an honor to know him. May his memory and all the good times bring peace and comfort to all of you. He lived an amazing life.

Susan Rix - May 27, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Sue, I’m so sorry for your loss. I didn’t have the honor of knowing your dad, but knowing you—and the warmth, love, and light you bring—it’s clear he must have been a truly special man. I pray that you and your beautiful family feel God’s comfort and peace surrounding you now and in the days to come. Lifting you all in love and prayer. 💜

Kim Esely - May 27, 2025 at 12:19 PM



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“ Willard and Shirley were great friends and neighbors of our Mom, Amy Lou Gardner, and of our whole family. Sorry to learn of his passing, about a month after hers - so glad he got over to see her a couple of months ago, one last time.  
Photo is - we think - from Willard’s 80th - Mom baked him 80 of her signature peanut butter balls.



Nick Gardner - May 24, 2025 at 06:20 PM

AA

“ I had the pleasure of caring for Willard during his time at NMC. He truly brought such a light to the community and always made my days brighter! I used to visit him each evening I worked and just sat and chatted with him hearing the stories he loved to share and showing me pictures of his beautiful wife. He really became a friend over the years. I will truly miss him. I am sending a prayer to you all and I am sorry to hear of his passing. His legacy will have a lasting impact.

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**Amanda A** - May 24, 2025 at 02:17 AM