



William R. "Bill" Culbertson

June 4, 1921 - August 23, 2009

William R Bill Culbertson, 88, of Fort Collins passed away Sunday, August 23, 2009 in his home. Born June 4, 1921 in Tama, Iowa, Bill moved to Colorado in 1940 to work for his uncle as a plumber in Golden, Colorado where he met his future wife Jean. Bill and Jean were married in 1942 while Bill was attending Colorado A&M. Bill interrupted his college career to join the Army Air Corp and served during the war as an air traffic controller in England. Upon his return to the states, Bill completed his education at A&M, graduating in 1949. That same year he began his career with the Colorado State Extension Service as Assistant County Agent in Montrose County. In 1960 Bill moved his family back to Fort Collins where he served as Livestock Specialist for the State of Colorado. During his time with the Extension Service Bill was instrumental in development of the American Youth Horse Council, and was honored several times for his work with the Colorado Horseman's Council, Inc. , and his work with development of a horse training program for 4-H youth across the state. He also served as Carload Superintendent for the National Western Stock Show for 22 years. Bill was also known among his western friends for his artistic ability where he displayed his love for the west. His art work was displayed in the Western Horseman magazine and the Hereford Journal where he illustrated several articles. One of his oil paintings graced the cover of the National Western Stock Show program. He has also illustrated several books. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, a younger brother, Robert and his wife Jean. He is survived by brother, Harry of Orange

County, California; sister, Sally Mancini of Apache Junction, Arizona; three sons, David of Fort Collins, Steve and wife Sharon of Parker, and Richard of Anchorage, Alaska; two grandsons, Chad and Chris, and one great granddaughter. No services are planned. Memorial contributions may be made in Bill's name to the Warren Tech Foundation, 13300 W 2nd Place, Lakewood, CO 80228-1256.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ I did not know Bill, but I am saddened to hear of the passing of a Culbertson. It's a good name and it sounds like Bill did it proud! My condolences to all those who loved him and will miss him.

Tom Culbertson - September 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He had a huge influence on me as a 4-H member in Boulder County for 10 years in the late 60's. Lessons that he taught me have stayed with me to this day and I credit him for much of my horsemanship skills. He was the last of his kind and I will be forever grateful for his influence on my life.
Cindy Reich

Cindy Reich - August 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Culbertson "Boys," I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your father. He was a very accomplished person and I know you will miss him greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peggy Peterson Hotchkiss - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Condolences from Jim Brinks retired, CSU animal science department and family

Jim and Rose Brinks - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Culbertson family; Memories of Bill flood back to me this morning as I read about his long, wonderful, and full life. I smile as I clearly remember being in the Culbertson kitchen on Laurel, watching him paint in 'his' section of the kitchen. What an incredible talent he had. My other favorite memory of Bill was watching him lasso 'steers' in the backyard; he showed me how, but I never got the knack! Great, great happy memories. He added to peoples' lives. That is what we can all hope for. He will be missed.

Jill Fisher Dubler - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM