



William Arthur Hagen, Jr.

July 5, 1923 - March 17, 2011

William Arthur "Bill" Hagen died on March 17, 2011 in Loveland, Colorado. He was 87 years old. Bill was born on July 5, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, to William and Mae Scannell Hagen. He graduated from Lawrence Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. He later earned a Masters Degree from the University of Alabama, and in 1992, a PhD in Behavioral Psychology from the University of Peru Lima. Bill married Lilian "Boots" Abrolat on January 27, 1945. They were married for 63 years. She preceded him in death in 2008. During World War II, Bill served in the 102nd AACS Detachment, U.S. Army Air Corps. He worked in technical communications for Air Traffic Control, and also as an Air Tower Chief. After his military service, Bill worked as an engineer for a variety of companies in Europe and the southeastern U.S. He was a licensed engineer in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama, and a registered architect in North Carolina. In 1960, as the "Space Race" began, he worked for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration NASA, in Huntsville, Alabama. His NASA team designed rocket engines, and later, the Lunar Rover. The team also tested engines for the Apollo Mission. Bill's final position with NASA was in solar energy research. Bill retired from NASA in the early 1980s. He became an independent consultant and adjunct professor for the University of Alabama. He traveled all over the world with Boots. In 1996, Bill and Boots moved to Good Samaritan Village of Loveland. His new friends called him "Doc." Doc offered his technical expertise in upgrading the computer center, taught Tai Chi, and was

an advocate for Seniors in the City of Loveland. He participated in many new-start programs at Good Sam. Bill and Boots made many dear friends. Bill was an accomplished guitarist; he performed with jazz bands and big bands in his younger years. He was also an avid Ham Radio Operator. He devoted entire rooms to his electronic equipment. William Hagen is survived by son Glenn Hagen and wife Cindy of Highlands Ranch; daughter Joy Ikelman and husband Ike of Longmont; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Cremation was entrusted to Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Over the years, Bill had often requested that no memorial service be held after his death. On March 19, 2011, Bill took his place next to Boots in the Memorial Garden of Good Samaritan Village, with Pastor Dave Castner leading in prayer and gratitude for a life well-lived. The family requests that donations in Bill's memory be made to Pathways Hospice, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Dear Joy and Glenn, Our sympathy on the death of your dad and mom. We missed the notice of your mom in 08. They were special people to us at Grace, Huntsville. We also rejoice with you in the knowledge that they are in perfect peace with their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Dexter and Joyce McClure - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Good Morning, Glen & Family; I served as Maintenance/Construction Director at Loveland Good Samaritan and had the honor and priviledge of knowing Bill and Boots since their first day of residency there. What a joy these fine folks were! We had many, many good contacts. Both commanded, not demanded, the respect of thoe who knew them as I did. I'm glad Bill is now at rest with Boots. They were wonderful friends and will not be forgotten. God Bless you all. Ted Williams

Ted Williams - March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Glenn and Family; I was one of your father's caregivers. I was unable to attend the memorial last Saturday due to a previous commitment. I wanted to tell you how wonderful it was to meet Bill Docand talk to him. He always had very interesting things to say and I will miss those conversations. He will always be remembered. I wish you and your family the best. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so glad that I was able to meet your dad and get to know him a little. God bless you. Sincerely; Colleen Gloe

Colleen Gloe - March 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM