



Dr. Charles E. Larsen

May 25, 1926 - December 14, 2014

Dr. Charles E. Larsen, age 88 of Fort Collins, Colorado went to meet the Lord on December 14, 2014 from his home. He had lived in Fort Collins since 1986, having moved here from Brookings, South Dakota.

Charles was born in Hyannis, Nebraska on May 25, 1926 to Ernest G. and Miriam (Cooper) Larsen. He was one of six children; Eleanor, Bill, John, Mary and Roland, who grew up on the family ranch near Bingham, NE, where his father was a pastor and rancher.

Charles was married to DeLoriese Knox of Tyler, Texas and later to Lois (Stevenson) Caldwell of Alliance, NE; both of whom preceded him in death. His sons, Matthew, Jay and Mike Larsen, and daughter, Sandra Larsen Neal are from those marriages.

Chuck found his heart's desire in helping people, first as a teacher in Nebraska and Washington and later as a counselor. Following service in the Army in the South Pacific and Japan at the end of WWII, he attended Doane College, graduating in 1951. His desire to help people led to graduate study at the University of Wyoming where he received a masters and a doctorate in 1963.

Dr. Larsen developed a Center of Counseling Services and served as Director at both Oklahoma State University and later South Dakota State University. During his later years of university work, Chuck served as International Student Adviser at South Dakota State from which he took early retirement in 1986. When he moved to Fort Collins, he was determined to find a church home; something which he regretted neglecting in South Dakota.

On January 31, 1989, Charles and Mary Jo Reeds were married and they began a new and rewarding life of ministering to men and women who needed them. His desire to help people was fulfilled more than he ever dreamed possible when, with Mary Jo, he helped people grow both personally and spiritually. As a Christian counselor, his life took on new purpose and meaning and he became especially devoted to helping men discover "whose" they are.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; his son, Matt; his daughter, Sandra; one brother, Bill; sisters, Eleanor and Mary; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Roland; his first two wives, DeLoriese and Lois; and two sons, Jay

and Mike.

A memorial service in celebration of Chuck's life and God's grace will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 18th at Drake Road Christian Church, 608 East Drake Rd., Ft. Collins. His cremated remains will be placed in the Legett Legacy Garden Columbarium at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park.

The family would prefer that any memorial donations please be made to the YMCA of the Rockies; any Veteran's organization or Drake Road Christian Church in care of Goes Funeral Care, 365 Canal Dr., #E, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Events

DEC **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory

3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80524

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Drake Road Christian Church

608 E. Drake Road, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80525

Comments



“ Dearest Mary Jo, I am so sorry to learn of your loss. I remember when Charles came into your life, and how you two served the Lord together. What a wonderful blessing he was to so many. -- Debbie Roberts

Debbie Roberts - December 20, 2014 at 12:49 AM



“ Mary Jo, I was shocked to learn of Chuck's passing. I hope to see you tomorrow morning at his memorial. "The Lord is my Shepherd" and I know you know that. And also that you will see Chuck again. (I met up with you both through "Boundaries".)
Mim Miller

Mim Miller - December 17, 2014 at 11:59 AM



“ I came late in Chuck's life and knew him for perhaps the last ten years of his life. I was surprised to learn so much about his early days from WWII on. He lived a very full life and I am blessed to have been able to share some hours these past few weeks with him talking about so many different things but especially his faith in Jesus Christ and the peace and joy he had because of it. Look forward to seeing you someday again friend.
Dave Caikowski

dave caikowski - December 17, 2014 at 10:32 AM