



Donald Secrest

December 7, 1917 - October 17, 2008

Don Secrest, age 90 of Fort Collins, Colorado, died October 17, 2008 at Ft. Collins Health Care Center. A memorial service is planned for 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 22 at Christ United Methodist Church, 301 East Drake Rd., Ft. Collins. Please wear red in honor of Don's pride and joy, the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Full military honors will conclude the service with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Another memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, April 23 in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Interment of his remains will be in the Red Cloud City Cemetery. Donald Boyd Secrest was born December 7, 1917 in Riverton, NE to Ernest and Lulu Belle Secrest. He loved sports and participated in sports in High School. He married Virginia Elizabeth Tennant on June 14, 1941 in Red Cloud. He served in the U. S. Army during WWII in the Signal Corps. After the war, he returned to Red Cloud and with Ginny, began Secrest Radio, which became Secrest Appliances and then Secrest Furniture. They were active in the Chamber of Commerce in Red Cloud and South Platte and participated in many other community activities. He coached the American Junior Legion Baseball team and played on the Red Cloud town baseball team. He also enjoyed spending time in the kitchen baking his specialties. They both served on the University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council for 23 years. He was active at their church; was a member of the Masonic Order; The American Legion; and the Elks. Among Don and Ginny's favorite activities were Ballroom Dancing and attending Nebraska football games. They retired in 1982 from their business and moved to Fort Collins in 1994. He especially loved Estes Park and the Rocky Mountains. Ginny preceded Don in death on April 16, 2005. He is survived by their daughter, Teresa Hoit Cathcart (and her husband, Steve) of Estes Park, CO; grandson, B.J. and wife, Leslie Bender, and their children Emeline and Brock Jett of Kansas City, MO; granddaughter, Gretchen Bender of San Francisco, CA; niece, Linda Lambrecht Stych, and husband, Jim of Conifer, CO; grandniece, Jaimee, and husband Jeff Kenna (and their children, Alexis and Milo) of Ft. Collins; niece, Diana Lambrecht French, and husband, Don of Ft. Collins; grandnephew, Justin French, and daughter CeeCee of Ft. Collins; grandniece, Shoni French of Ft. Collins; niece Michelle Tennant Hixon, and husband, Chris of Santa Clarita, CA and their children Garrett and Spencer; and a nephew, Chris Tennant, and wife, Darcy of Eagle, CO. In addition to Ginny, Don's five siblings preceded him in death. The family

requests that donations be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Nebraska Children's Home in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Comments



“ Uncle Don was a person that was a joy and a lot fun to be around. He had a great sense of humor. We all enjoyed his card tricks. My kids will remember his lively nature and his ability to make one laugh.

Rick Skinner - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember all of our family vacations to Red Cloud almost every summer as a child. I will always hear his laugh in my head forever, and he had a hidden talent of rolling his stomache, my brothers Rick, Gary and I would bug him to always show us rolling his stomache. When he and aunt Virgina had the furniture store we used to hang out there. Then run across the street to uncle Harold and aunt Pat's bakery. He will be in my heart forever. He will dearly missed.

Brenda Skinner.

Brenda Skinner - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Don and Virginia touched my heart the moment I met them dancing past the stage at a Paul Moorhead dance in the 70's, and they remained good friends and fans of Paul Moorhead, the guys in the band, and myself for all the years we saw them at the Flying V in Utica, Pla-Mor Ballroom in Lincoln, and numerous other ballrooms. After I moved to Denver in 1982, I lost track of them until I saw them sitting in an audience (front row center) in downtown Ft. Collins, CO (in the late 90's) while I was singing with Glenn Shull's Orchestra! It was "love at second sight" and we renewed our friendship once again. I stayed overnight with them in Ft. Collins, reminisced about the Paul Moorhead days, perused through their wonderful memorable scrapbooks, shared stories of our fondness for Nebraska football, and met on several Sundays for breakfast together (Teresa would come down from Estes Park to join us). I felt so blessed to have received their love and friendship, and they cheered me on in all my endeavors. I miss them deeply, as a long-time friendship such as ours is such a treasure. Don always loved to talk about Paul Moorhead and his love for dancing. There is a hole in my heart today, but I too know that Don and Virginia are in Heaven dancing to Paul Moorhead's music and catching up with him and the guys! God be with you always.

Jerrine Racek - October 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM