



## Burritt Tomlinson

November 23, 1921 - February 6, 2010

Tommy Tomlinson, 88, of Fort Collins received his eternal reward on February 6th resting peacefully at his home surrounded by family. Tommy was born November 23, 1921 in St. Joseph, MO. He served in the US Navy and was honorably discharged in 1945. Tommy attended Oklahoma State University on a baseball scholarship as a pitcher where his strike out record still stands. While at OSU, he met Inez, the love of his life and wife of 63 years. They were married in Olathe, KS on September 3, 1946. Tommy was greatly respected and beloved as Director of Food Services at Colorado State University from 1957 to 1980 where he earned numerous awards including the prestigious Ivy award for his outstanding leadership which was presented by Henry Kissinger then Secretary of State. Tommy Tomlinson is survived by his loving wife Inez; son Jeff (Julie Rhoades); daughters Jill (Merlin Prater), Jacalyn, Jeri (Greg Mauro); 17 grand children, and life long friend Jack Nielsen. Tommy was preceded in death by his mother Betty, son Jock, and grand daughter Lolita. Honoring Tommy's request, the family is having a private service at Timberline Church on February 14th. Contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice or the Salvation Army. Tommy will be remembered for his strength of character, humility, Christian values and always having time to give a word of encouragement to all he knew.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Burritt Tomlinson*

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“ *Tommy was always an inspiration for me. He was a man of unquestionable character, and personal and ethics. We made several trips together, business fishing and golf. His behavior always his Christian beliefs. he will be sorely missed. Our prayers are with Inez and their wonderful family.*

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“ *My prayers are with the family at this time of mourning. I'm sure he and my mother are discussing food even as I am writing this.*

**Beverly O'Zee** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tommy was a good friend of my Dad and I always looked forward to seeing him on campus.*

**Joan Williams** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *One of the best bosses I ever had. I will miss him.*

**Duane Slocum** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I remember seeing Tommy for the first time as Margaret Batson was showing him the dining room in the Admin Annex building on a Winter or Spring day in 1957. I was sa freshman and wondered who he was. I had no idea that I would one day be working with him on the CSU campus. Tommy and Inez became good friends after I returned from the Army and worked in the Student Affairs Division. Tommy became a role model and a mentor for me. I don't think that I ever won a handball game with Tommy.

Margaret amd I were blessed to travel to Alamosa for Chuck Westk's memorial service a couple of years ago. It was a most enjoyable trip for us.

I thank God that Tommy, Inez and their family were and are in our lives. May God bless all of you as you relive the wonderful memories with him. Rex & Margaret

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**Rex & Margaret Kellums** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Our deep sympathy to your family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Edna and Dick Tarlip

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**Richard Tarlip** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mr. Tomlinson worked with my father, Larry McMillan at CSU. Later, while I was a student at CSU, I worked in Food Service. He was always kind, gentle, and wise. He garnered the respect and trust of anyone with whom he met. He left a beautiful and powerful legacy to the University and to the community.

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**Micki McMillan** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am very sad to hear about Tommy's passing. I used to work for Tommy with the Concessions, selling Cokes at Colorado Field for CSU home games in 1966 to 1968. I also used to get our Concession supplies from Tommy at Central Storeroom.

Tom was a great man and so kind. My thoughts are with the family and friends.

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**Jerry Gavaldon** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Jill and I attended Moore Elementary and Poudre High together. Tommy and Inez have been wonderful neighbors to Mom. Best wishes always, Claudia

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BW

“ I was sorry to learn of Tommy's passing. We had many enjoyable handball matches. He was an outstanding athlete.

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**Byron Winn** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ David and I are great believers in life after death, Turk is on his way! My sympathy to all left behind. I hope that Inez is well. May God show great blessings to you, Inez and all your wonderful family.

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**David and Brenda Nielsen** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Inez,

*I am so saddened to see that Tommy passed. I always feel there are persons that should live forever and you and Tommy are some of those people. God bless you and your family at this time especially.*

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**Donna K. Palmer** - February 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM