



Cecil Ralph

April 28, 1924 - August 22, 2012

Cecil Ford Ralph was born April 28, 1924 in Crosby, ND, the 3rd of 13 children of Edwin and Anna Marie Krantz Ralph. Cecil F. Ralph died peacefully August 22, 2012 at the age 88 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Cecil grew up and was proud to call Crosby, ND his home town. After graduating from the Crosby High School in 1942, he joined the U. S. Army and served during World War II as a pharmacy technician. Upon returning home, he attended the University of North Dakota on the G.I. bill and earned a degree in accounting. After college he again served his country during the Korean War at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver. Cecil was a decorated war veteran. After his second honorable discharge from the Army, Cecil took a job as an accountant with Westland Oil Company in Williston, ND. He was active with the Jaycees and the local VFW and soon met Dolores Olson at a VFW dance. It took 3 dances and a little coaxing from Dolores for Cecil to call and ask for a date. Cecil and Dolores eloped on February 14, 1955 to Sidney, Montana and began their life and family in Williston. Cecil was dedicated to his work. After working in Williston for 15 years, he moved in 1969 to the Westland Oil Co headquarters in Minot, ND. In 1978, the company was sold to a Canadian firm so he and his family spent a couple of cold winters in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Flying J Company moved Cecil and Dolores in 1980 to Brigham City, Utah to manage the accounting department. Cecil finished out his career with Flying J and retired in Fort Collins in 1988. Cecil was always active with his church. He helped found the First Presbyterian church in Williston, ND and served as an elder,

even filling in for the pastor when needed. Wherever he lived, Cecil served in whatever capacity was needed. Cecil's other true love was bowling. Not only was he a very good bowler, he also gained many friendships at the alleys. Cecil and Dolores shared their enjoyment of bowling after retirement, bowling together in a senior league. In retirement, he remained active walking 5 miles a day, keeping his yard looking good, helping neighbors and volunteering at the neighborhood clubhouse. After surviving his first heart attack, he took the opportunity to help himself and others by joining the Mended Hearts Club and the Attack Pack through the Heart Center of the Rockies. He had great respect and admiration for Dr. William Miller, whose excellent care allowed Cecil to love another 25 years of active life. But the center of Cecil's life was his family. Cecil is survived by his devoted wife, Dolores; his children, Byron (Sue) Ralph of Bismarck, ND and their children Dava and Cody; Perry (Maureen) Ralph of Fort Collins and their children Jeremy and Lindsey; and Judy (Karl) Kromarek of Aurora, CO and their children Nicole, Kayla, Kyle, Jena and Lexi and one great-grandson, Braiden. Also surviving are three siblings, Anita Gabler of Seattle, WA, Donald Ralph of Williston, ND, and Garry Ralph of Phoenix, AZ; and many nieces and nephews. Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, six brothers, and five half-siblings. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, August 27th at First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College Ave, Ft. Collins. Military honors will conclude the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any memorial donations please be made to Heart Center of the Rockies or your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall



“ Cecil Ralph

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss. He was a great uncle and person. I will be thinking of you in your sorrow and praying for God's blessings on you and your wonderful family. You have deepest sympathy on your loss.

Kaylene Ralph Falcon - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sorry to hear Uncle Cecil passed away. I always enjoyed visiting and hearing his stories. I still remember the trip my dad and i took on the motorcycle to visit the Ralph's in Utah.

Thinking of you during this time,

Neil

Neil Bakke - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Cecil's passing. We always enjoyed our time with him and Deloras, whether it be in ND or WA. We were always included as part of the Ralph family. His great smile always made you feel welcome. Our condolences to the family. Hugs to Deloras.

Roger and Barb Titterud - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Cecil was one of the sweetest men I have ever known. I will always remember his big smile and genuine greeting!

Love to Dolores, Perry and Family.

Bonnie

melodie voeltz - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ I am sorry for your loss of a wonderful man. Cecil is Mom's cousin (Anna Belle Nelson) I remember few occasions of being together and he was a man with a smile one would never forget! I remember you stopped at our farm house a few times and I am sure I remember once you having a baby that was sleeping and you laid him on the couch! All six of Anna Belle's children watching and waiting for that baby to wake up!

Beverly Kulczyk - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Perry (and Family):

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.

May your good memories last forever and your grief pass quickly.

Scott Key - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ So sorry to hear about Cecil, love to the family!

Alana Ianniciello - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was a blessing to those that knew him.* ”

Patty Friese - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM