



Dana Allen "Al" Vannorsdel

July 22, 1939 - October 17, 2012

Al Vannorsdel, 73 of Fort Collins, formerly of Boise, ID died October 17th at Lemay Avenue Health and Rehab in Fort Collins. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm Sunday at Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Suite E, Fort Collins. Cremation is planned and a memorial horse race, in Al's honor, will be held next spring in Boise.

Dana Allen Vannorsdel was born July 22, 1939 in Fort Collins to Dana and Vera Vannorsdel. He received a wrestling scholarship to CSU, but decided to go to work building homes in Fort Collins in the late 1950's and early 1960's instead. In 1974, Al married Nancy Gammon and they have been best friends ever since. They moved to Boise, Idaho and started a horse ranch where he found his passion; animals, but especially horses.

When he turned 50, Al decided to attend Colorado Mountain College where he received a degree in Veterinarian Technology. A very proud accomplishment of his.

Al was an accomplished horseman who raised and trained thoroughbred and quarter horses. The last race that Al entered was the Hasta la Vista Handicap in Phoenix, AZ, and it was the biggest race of his career. He entered it with his all time favorite thoroughbred "Mighty Bodacious" and won setting the track record which stands today. This champion, "Mighty Bodacious", his favorite

and most successful thoroughbred, died this year as well.

About four years ago, Al had an accident with one of his horses falling on him. His health hasn't been good ever since forcing his move into assisted living and full-time nursing care.

Al is survived by his sisters, Betty Hutcheson and Joanie Foreman, both of Fort Collins; his former wife and love of his life, Nancy Vannorsdel of Boise; and nieces and nephews, Diana, Marty, Denise and Robert.

Please make any memorial donations, in lieu of flowers to the Larimer County Humane Society, 6317 Kyle Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dana Allen "Al" Vannorsdel*

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“ *Memories of Al go back many years when his family lived in the Stove Prairie area. I attended school with his sister, Betty. I was a year younger than she and a year older than Al. I remember the Vannorsdel family from Stove Prairie---George used to give me a ride to school and of course there was Roy and Ray (and Ray and Rosie's son Dick), as well as the rest of the family (Dana and Vera and baby Joanie). My Dad (Charlie Weinrich) logged with Al's Dad, Dana. I just member, as a kid, playing with Betty and Al and running away from little Joanie. The years do go by fast.*

So sorry to hear about Al's passing and another time coming to an end. May God bless and protect all of Al's family. It is so hard to lose a loved one.

*Doris Weinrich Hime
Fort Collins, CO*

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