



## George Lane

November 21, 1921 - December 8, 2011

George Lane, 90 of Ft. Collins, CO died December 8, 2011. A visitation will be held from 3:00 until 7:00 Monday at Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Suite E, Ft. Collins. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 1:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13th at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment immediate following the mass will be at Grandview Cemetery with full military honors. George Lane was born on November 21, 1921 in Boston, MA where he grew up. As WWII raged, George decided to enlist in the Army Air Corps; and received his pilot training in LaJunta, CO where he met his soon to be wife Zora Tucker. He was assigned to be a B24 Liberator pilot and was stationed in China as part of the famed "Flying Tigers." He flew numerous bombing missions over the South China Sea and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, both of which were presented to him by General Lynne Chenault. Upon return stateside, George used his veterans' benefits to enroll at, and graduate from, the Massachusetts Art Institute. This led initially to a job in Middletown, New Jersey as a commercial artist. This evolved quickly into a career in education, first as an art teacher at Middletown H.S. then as a principal at Harmony Elementary School. George retired from this career in 1976 and he and his wife, Zora, moved to Colorado where they spent winters in Fort Collins and summers at their mountain cabin. Always active, George drove school busses for the Poudre School District for twenty years. In 1985, Zora passed away. In 1988, George married Connie Kidneigh. He graciously accepted Connie's

family as his own. In addition to his three children, Judith, David and Doreen, Connie's two daughters, Jodi and Lori; he has five grandchildren, David, Jennifer, Christina, Christopher and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Ciera and Sabin. George was very active at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in various lay ministries. He participated in bible studies, in the Kiwanis Club and the Knights of Columbus. His genuineness, compassion and sparkling wit were characteristics George's nature. George fully used his artistic talents on the project of building a cabin and summer home on a ridge overlooking Mt. Meeker just outside of Allenspark, CO. For a decade, he designed the architecture during the winter while spending summers realizing every aspect of the cabin's construction and decoration. It was, for him, a personal expression of all his artistic skills and is, in itself, a work of art. George's family suggests that any memorial donations please be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church for the Meredith Hall Remodeling or the stained glass windows restoration in care of Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., #E, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall



“ George Lane

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ To Judith, Siblings and Familues -

*My thoughts are with you. May peace and comfort be yours during this trying time.*

*~Wendell Frey*

Wendell Frey - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Family is deeply saddened to hear of George's passing. I first remember meeting him when he drove our group to World Youth Day in Denver and the many times he drove our Religious Ed kids to various functions. Mostly recently though I, my children and grandchildren had the distinct pleasure to sit with George and his daughter Judy after 8:30 a.m. Mass for coffee and doughnuts every Sunday morning. My grandchildren just adored him and told me all the time how "cool" he was. He always had a smile and a compliment for each child at the table. We used to ask Him and Judy where they were going for "their ride" each Sunday. Our family will miss him terribly. Our condolences also go out to His Family. May God Bless You All in Your time of sorrow and beyond.*

*Sincerely;*

*Nancy Aylward and Family*

Nancy Aylward - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ George was a warm, decent, genuinely sincere man and a dedicated teacher. I had art classes with him in intermediate school and Judy is a close friend from high school. Even though I hadn't seen him since the mid 1960's, I knew him as the kind of man. He was someone you would always feel comfortable with if an opportunity arose to become reacquainted. I'm saddened by the news of his passing. He was very special individual. My deepest sympathy and condolences to Judy and the rest of the family.

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**Bob Massey** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I will miss my Dad terribly and will always try to live up to the standards he set in life. Thanks to all for the wonderful sentiments sent via card and email.

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**David Lane** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I am sorry to hear of Mr Lane's passing. He was a wonderful principal when I attended Harmony Elementary in the mid to late 60's. I moved to Colorado with my parents in 1969 and had no idea that he had moved to Ft Collins. Sorry I didn't have a chance to reconnect with him. I'm sure he lived a full life and everyone will miss him.

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**Lisa Barbato Garstka** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Judy  
Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you and am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please be good to yourself and remember all the good times you had with your Dad.

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**Jodie Cannon** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ More than 40 years later, Mr. Lane remained one of my most favorite people and I have often wondered where he went after Harmony School. I'm so glad to learn more about his life in Colorado, and happy that he lived long and happy years there.

When I was in 2nd grade, I remember him coming into our classroom and asking the teacher who drew a picture of a horse that was hanging in the hall. When she told him it was me, he came over to me and told me that he thought it was a very good picture. I still remember how nice it was of him to do that. He treated a 7-year old like a grownup, and took the time to notice what we were doing. I only recently learned that he was an artist himself, so his words have even more meaning to me.

My memories of him were as an extremely handsome, kind, soft-spoken and elegant principal. Learning of his activities in recent years, I now know that my memories were accurate.

My condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren. You have lost a special person indeed. But I was lucky enough to know him 4 decades ago, and will never forget him.

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**Linda Rolle** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AZ

“ My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. Worked with David at New Monmouth School, Middletown Twp. And remembered inservice days at Harmony School with George.

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**Armand Zambrano** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Mr Lane was my principal throughout my time in elementary school. He was someone that I admire, and look up to. He truly was a stable force who kept our school running well, and I remember him fondly even now (I'm 50).*

*I never knew about his service to our country. He truly did have a quiet sense of dignity around him, that he was able to convey to others.*

*Thank you Mr Lane for everything you have done for me, and I look forward to meeting up again sometime.*

*Stephen W Smith  
VP Business Development  
LexisNexis*

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**Stephen W Smith** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *I remember when Mr. Lane took me aside in the 4th grade to try to help me change direction in life. At the time, I took it the wrong way, thinking he was predicting I would fail in life. What I realized later was that he saw two things in me: a troubled child and potential. Regardless of what I thought about it at the time, I ended up motivated and spurred on to (I thought) prove him wrong. Now, as a adult, I see the intention to do good and do right by one of his kids. RIP, George, and my respects to the family.*

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**Alfred Heath** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of George's family...*

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**Doug Hiney** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Judith, David, and Doreen - Family time is what first comes to mind when I think of Uncle George. He was always telling stories and his laugh was something you just could not forget. It was always a fun time when our families got together for All of the Holidays and I can still picture him in the kitchen holding the perfect turkey at Thanksgiving. I am sure that he is now sending good thoughts and wishes to us all. You are all in our prayers and thoughts.

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**Paul DeWyngaert** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Judith, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dear father. A light has gone out in the world. Thoughts and prayers, --Beth

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**Beth Lechleitner** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Judith, David, and Doreen On behalf of my family our condolences and sorrow at Uncle George's passing. My earliest memories all good were the many times our families got together for any occasion George and Zoe welcomed everyone in never judged. George always the story teller entertained and taught great life lessons. We know he and his sisters Laura, Barbara, Norma and brother Robert were close we know are all together now. George will be greatly missed but always remembered in our hearts.  
Love  
Mark

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**Pamela & Nofle McClanahan** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ George was a fine man and we all loved him very much. He will be missed but feel he will be in a better place now too!

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**John & Carol** - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM