



## Harold "Curly" Eugene Waag

September 23, 2024

On Monday, September 23, 2024, Harold "Curly" Eugene Waag passed away at the age of 87. He was the first child of Rhiny and Lucy (Utz) Waag, and was born in Sacramento, California on October 2, 1936. When he was ten years old, he moved to the Windsor, Colorado area with his father, mother, and brother, Robert "Bob" Duane Waag. At that time, his father began his career as a farmer in the Windsor area. Harold was his father's "farmhand" through his younger years and acquired a love of farming. In his later teens, Harold joined the Naval Air Reserves and served for eight years, from 1954 until 1962, which enabled him to visit various interesting places in the world.

On December 24th, 1961, he married Sharon Kay Coomes in the little town of Wiota, Iowa. Because of blizzard-like weather, snowplows were out opening the roads the morning of the wedding. Fortunately, the wedding didn't have to be postponed! Immediately after marriage, Harold and his new bride settled on a farm in close proximity to his parent's south of Timnath, Colorado. There, their two children were born . . . Lynnette Kay and Steven Eugene. In the course of 20 years, he farmed, and raised and fed cattle in the Fort Collins area and ended up retiring from a farm in the Greeley, Colorado, area in 1980. He was a devoted, conscientious farmer, always striving to excel in his efforts to improve his farm operation/production and was among the high 10 sugar beet growers in 1973, and 1978 when living in Larimer County. He took pride in a job well done.

Even though much time was required in the farming part of his life, he found time to relax and enjoy mountain trips with his family and friends “jeeping”, camping, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and four wheeling . . . and fishing . . . ice fishing included! He also found time to pursue a love of skeet and trap shooting . . . and hunting . . . and enjoyed reloading ammunition for his own guns, and for other individuals, too. He enjoyed introducing family, and especially the many friends, to traveling the off roads and trails of our mountains, always watching for wildlife and scenic mountain views . . . and he always had his camera handy, too. Many trips were made to Yellowstone in the wintertime to snowmobile in the Park and areas outside of the Park with friends and family. Traveling Yellowstone in the summer, then seeing it in the winter was a whole new experience . . . like traveling two different worlds . . . so many wonderful memories.

After retiring from farming in 1980, he started working at Woodward Governor Company in Fort Collins. During this nineteen year period, he met many new friends and enjoyed sharing with them his many interests and outings mentioned above. He and his wife, both, retired from Woodward in March 1999. After retirement, he was employed at Co-op along I-25, Fort Collins, for a short time, and then went back to work part time at Woodward for several years until his actual, permanent retirement.

He was very serious about providing for his family and helping others whenever needed. In contrast, he was fun loving, enjoyed telling a story or a joke or two, teasing, being ornery . . . grinning when he got a reaction!! He left a lot of good memories and was dearly loved by his family and friends.

Harold’s parents preceded him in death, father, Rhiny Waag, 1981, and mother, Lucy (Utz) Waag, 1992.

He is survived by his daughter, Lynnette Henning (Eric) and children Leif, Kristof, Alyssa living in Wellington, CO; and his son Steven Waag living in Timnath, CO; his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Elaine Waag of Greeley, CO, and their sons, Mike (Kim) of Seattle, WA, and boys, Jacob and Alexander; and Nate (Shawna) of Severence, CO and boys, Carter and Ryan; Harold has cousins living in Arizona, California, and Washington with whom he tried to keep in touch. He will be missed.

Our feeling of comfort is that he finally has found peace after diligently fighting health problems for a period of one and a half years. He put forth a determined fight, still maintaining his unique sense of humor clear up to the end of his earthly life.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Timnath Presbyterian church on April 26, 2025 from 1:00p.m. until 3:30p.m. If you are unable to attend, please share a story, a memory, or a picture on Harold's tribute page!

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Timnath Presbyterian Church  
4020 Main Street  
Timnath, CO 80547

# Tribute Wall

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**Scott Taylor** - April 23, 2025 at 02:35 PM

ST

“ I'd first met Harold and Sharon in 1987 when I'd joined Woodward Governor. I'd not connected the two of them until I'd noticed the absolutely lovely photo of Sharon holding a huge bouquet of red roses that Harold kept in his tool chest. The loving connection between the two of them was one of the things that I always admired and respected about them. That and that they were two of the nicest people you could ever meet. Harold was a great and patient teacher when I was learning about Woodward fuel valve repair and calibration (even the 1907 Fuel Valve/Limiters :-). The folks out in the pilot building, including Bill Jantz and Bob Rogers, were a great part of my introduction to the Woodward family.

I'd gotten to know Harold and Sharon more personally as neighbors in old town Timnath. We'd spent a lot of time spent reminiscing about old friends from Woodward. I am smiling now recalling them smiling.

Harold enjoyed his guns and I was always impressed with his technical knowledge and skills related to them and reloading and his quest for accuracy. He was always excited to share his knowledge. I was delighted to have him offer to teach my daughter to shoot. You could not find a more patient, careful, and kind instructor than Harold. I think this photo, from a really windy day out at the Pawnee grassland, really captured his kind and supportive instruction and the caring that he had for others. What a nice and memorable day for us.



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Scott Taylor - April 23, 2025 at 02:27 PM

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“ Dearest Uncle Harold,  
I don't know where to begin. All of the summers I came out and learned how to set irrigation pipes to learning to ride a dirt bike! Then you'd always have a horse for me to ride! Xoxo. All was well until I rode one through the ripe barley! Oh mercy me no. We had so much fun riding around in the pick up visiting and learning things about CO and the Ft Collin's area. It was all priceless and something different every summer. I thank my parents too for letting me come out so often. Yes you caught me once when I hitch hiked down from Lander! Luckily I made it ok. It was all worth it. There are so many things for me to thank you for!!! I was looking forward to seeing you after I retired but time got away. ;(. How sad I was to say the least. One day I'll see you again I pray!! All my love, Avis

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**Avis L. Pruin** - April 23, 2025 at 01:01 PM

AP

Ah, yes! Setting irrigation pipes! Uncle Harold even let me cultivate one summer! Great stuff for a city girl with a country girl heart!

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**Amy Phillips** - April 25, 2025 at 01:47 PM

ML

“ I mostly knew Harold through Sharon and I'm so grateful to have discovered more of him through people's fun memories. Thank you!

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**Marie Lamb** - April 21, 2025 at 02:49 PM

NS

“ To Harold's family and friends, our deepest sympathy to you. I know you miss him very much and there is a big void in your life without him here with us. Physically, he was a big "bear" of a man so you would expect a big void left behind but he was such a gentle giant in his loving ways and his caring personality. Leslie and I got to know Harold and Sharon when Leslie's brother Eric married their daughter, Lynnette. Harold always treated us like his family - he took interest in our lives and cared about us, our kids, and our grandkids. He loved to laugh and make others laugh. He had such great stories and loved to listen to others' stories. He was so interesting as he had so many life experiences and was very knowledgeable in many things - so typical of farmers and ranchers. And he loved to share some of his enjoyments in life with others. He could "bearly" hold himself back from taking you with on some adventures to share with you what he enjoyed and thought you would enjoy them too. He knew I enjoyed the mountains so he planned a snowmobile day-trip to Cameron Pass but of course first we had to start out with a "big" breakfast at one of his favorite breakfast stops. Since he had the snowmobiles, he was generous in sharing his resources with me. Of course we had a great time, stopping to snap pictures of moose and other wildlife. Once he found out that I enjoyed hunting, he set up at time to go out with our rifles to sight them in properly. Again he had all the equipment and one of his favorite remote places to do it properly. And when extended family gathered together, he brought so much energy, smiles, and fun to the group! He loved to engage with others and was such an enjoyable man to be around! We all do miss him very much. But it is not a good-bye but just a see you later as we will all be united again in a new place that the Lord has planned for us, a new adventure to share with us. Maybe Harold is in on the planning!

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Nick Striegel - April 18, 2025 at 11:35 AM

JW

“ I met Harold shortly after starting at Woodward in 1982. With his farming background he was a fun and valuable part of the Harvstmor team.

*Jon Workman*



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**Jon Workman** - April 17, 2025 at 02:47 PM

LG

“ My ornery buddy!! You taught me how to have fun in the mountains whether it was snowmobiling, ATV'ing, hiking, or camping! Great times--except for when Sharon hurt her wrist! I sure miss not talking to you or being able to email you! I'm sure Sharon is working full-time keeping you in line and loving it all the while. Love you and miss you both!



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**Laurie Gardner** - April 11, 2025 at 07:37 PM



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**Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - April 08, 2025 at 10:32 AM**