



Mr. Jean Walter Thompson

July 11, 1924 - August 2, 2014

Jean Walter Thompson, 90 of Fort Collins, died on August 2, 2014. He was born on July 11, 1924 in Martha, Nebraska (Holt County) to Charles and Anna V. (Swanson) Thompson. When he was four years old, he moved with his family to Chadron, Nebraska, where he later graduated from high school.

In 1934, Jean met and fell in love with Elizabeth Edmonds. At that time, Elizabeth's father became the pastor of the Baptist Church in Chadron. In January 1945, Jean and Elizabeth were married in Gibbon, Nebraska and later in 1950, the couple moved to Fort Collins, Colorado.

In 1937, Jean worked for the US Cavalry at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; breaking and shoeing horses and mules. He worked hard and developed a very successful career as a contractor; he built over 800 homes, built or remodeled 10 churches and many of the buildings at Colorado State University. One of his greatest feats was helping build Mt. Rushmore in 1938.

In 1942, Jean went into the Army Air Corps as a pilot and paratrooper. He led raids behind enemy lines and received numerous medals and battle stars, including the Distinguished Service Cross. One of the most sobering feats was when he helped liberate the notorious Nazi prison camp in Dachau Germany.

Jean was a great cowboy, hunter and warrior. There were few things that he couldn't do and if he couldn't, he sure wouldn't admit it! He will be dearly missed and is survived by his daughter, Diana (John) Finley of Fort Collins, Colorado; granddaughters, Anna Gilmore of Alhambra, California, Jessica (Justin) Johnson and Kathrine Finley of Fort Collins; great-granddaughter, Faith Gilmore and great-grandson, Merrick Johnson.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Beth Thompson; his parents; brothers, Charles, Fredrick, Kenneth and Ralph Thompson; daughters, Theresa Kay and Sharon Dawn.

Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Friday, August 15, 2014 at the American Baptist Church at 600 South Shields, Fort Collins. Private Interment with full Military Honors at graveside is scheduled for later that day.

Jean's family wish to extend a very special "Thank You" to all of angel caregivers with Pathway's Hospice; they were truly a blessing! In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Pathway's Hospice at 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

American Baptist Church
600 S Shields St.
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Jean Walter Thompson*

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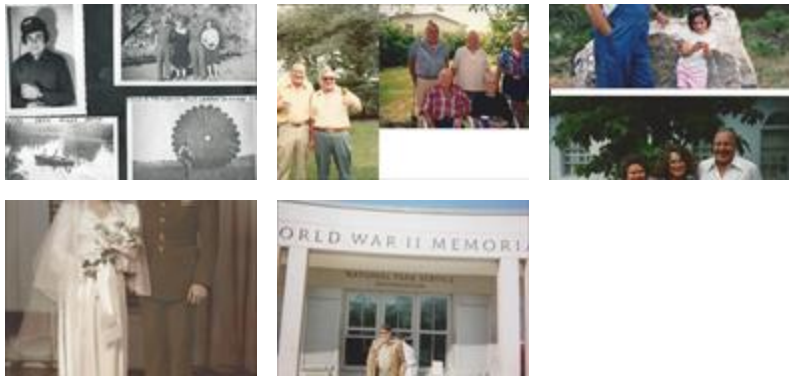
“ *We wish to say Thank You to your loved one for his service to our great country. Our sympathies are with your family.*

*Marine Corps League Auxiliary #785
Fort Collins, CO*

Marine Corps League Auxiliary - August 12, 2014 at 10:04 AM



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MS

“ Jean convinced my parents to move to Fort Collins in 1957. His encouragement to make the move included inviting the four of us to stay with the Thompson family in a home that Jean was building himself. The move changed our lives for the better. Jean's life-time partner, Beth, was one of the sweetest women I've ever known. After we had our own home, a visit to the Thompsons was always an extraordinary and special event. The love and closeness between our families has always remained. My heart goes out to Diana and family at this time. God is great and God is good. God bless you and keep you in the hollow of his hand. Mary Shotwell Schumm

Mary Schumm - August 08, 2014 at 01:00 PM

DH

“ Dean & Deb Hoag sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jean Walter Thompson



Dean & Deb Hoag - August 07, 2014 at 12:23 PM

DH

“ Dean & Deb Hoag lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jean Walter Thompson



Dean & Deb Hoag - August 07, 2014 at 12:21 PM

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“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jean
Walter Thompson*



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