



Wilbert Shimoda

May 14, 1931 - August 16, 2017

Wilbert Shimoda recently lost his valiant battle against kidney failure and heart disease. He was born in 1931 in Denver, Colorado. His youth was spent farming in the Denver area with his parents and five brothers and a sister. Graduating from Littleton High School, he excelled in wrestling where he reached the state finals. He attended Colorado A&M and Colorado State University for his undergraduate and graduate degrees. During the Korean War he enlisted in the naval reserves despite being eligible for a deferment, serving as a corpsman at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois. In 1954 he met and married Mary Ague in Fort Collins, Colorado. They had three sons.

Wilbert, also known as Wil, Willy, and Bert, served 26 years in the US Public Health Service, a commissioned officer corps, and reached the rank of captain. His service took him to Las Vegas Nevada; Beltsville, Maryland; Washington DC; and Lakewood, Colorado. He published numerous scientific papers, received many service honors, and contributed greatly to the benefit of the country while working in the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine.

A man of strong faith and a dedicated member of Saint John's Lutheran Church in Fort Collins for many decades, he served in several capacities, including as the president of the congregation. A golfer for over sixty years, Wil played until his last few days. He made his hole-in-one at Bear Creek Golf

Course in Maryland. The Boy Scouts was another of the organizations he supported with his characteristic vigor. He kept in touch with countless friends he and Mary met through all of his posts and travels, and they would attest to his willingness to do anything for them.

Wil was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ethel Shimoda; his wife, Mary; brother Wesley; and sister Eva Lynne (John). His family members are sons Todd (Linda), Matt, and Greg; daughter-in-law Donna; granddaughter Jessica (Steven); grandson Adam (Brittany); granddaughter Alison; great-grandsons Colton and Brendan; brothers Hylam (Kiyomi), Elwyn (Marilyn), Wayne, and Dwight (Adrienne); sisters-in-law Betsy (Jerry) and Carolyn (Gary); and nieces and nephews Kim, Kevin (Lisa), Steven (Carolyn), Julie (Dave), Luke, Lisa, Lori (Frank), Debbie, Carrie, Vickie (Charlie), Steve (Tina), and Shanda (Cliff).

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 19th at Saint John's Lutheran Church, 305 East Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, Colorado. Military honors will conclude the service at the church, followed by a reception.

Donations would be appreciated to Saint John's Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, in support of the Memorial Garden.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Saint John's Lutheran Church
305 East Elizabeth Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.stjohnsfc.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Wilbert Shimoda*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Shimoda*



Chrissy - August 24, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *See above purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



See above - August 18, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



August 18, 2017 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ *Mary Mastin lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Shimoda*



Mary Mastin - August 17, 2017 at 08:13 PM

WK

Matt, I am so sorry to hear about your father.

Wanda Lee Kinnie - August 20, 2017 at 09:10 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



August 17, 2017 at 07:55 PM

SP

“ *SUPERVALU Pharmacies purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



SUPERVALU Pharmacies - August 17, 2017 at 05:00 PM

RL

“ *Ray, Michelle, Robin, Tracy, and Laura purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



Ray, Michelle, Robin, Tracy, and Laura - August 17, 2017 at 04:44 PM

BG

“ *Bob & Charity Gleeson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilbert Shimoda.*



Bob & Charity Gleeson - August 17, 2017 at 04:23 PM