

Eugene Mathiesen, 87

Jan. 5, 1929 - Jan. 28, 2016

LOVELAND, CO —

Eugene James Mathiesen was born to Marinus and Ella Mathiesen at the family farm in Shelby County. Gene graduated from Audubon High School in 1947. He proudly served his country during the Korean War, joining the U.S. Marines in 1949 and receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1953. In 1959, he graduated from the College of Commerce at the University of Iowa with a Bachelors of Science in Commerce with a Marketing Major.



In 1957, Gene married the love of his life, Roberta, who provided him with a lifetime of love and support. Nine months later, their marriage was blessed with the birth of the first child, Corbin. Gene and Berta remained soul mates and very much in love, right up until Gene's passing.

After graduation from college, Gene pursued a career in the insurance industry. Through several changes of location and a couple different companies, he worked for the Insurance Company of North America, Frizells and American Agrisure, Inc. in Albuquerque, NM; Arvada, CO; Lodi CA; and finally Loveland, CO where he retired as the Senior Vice-President for the latter business. He was well respected within the insurance industry and was sorely missed when he retired.

Along the way of making a career, Gene and Berta had two more children, Preston and Brett, to complete their family. The family went out to eat to celebrate birthdays and gathered together with extended family for the holidays. Once the kids went out on their own, they'd send birthday, anniversary and Christmas cards to them, and gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with Mom and Dad with enormous amounts of laughter and love.

Gene enjoyed gardening, visiting with family and friends, camping in the mountains, and hunting. He was a lifelong suffering Cubs fan, a Nuggets fan, and a devoted Bronco fan. He sat through and stomached the defeats while enjoying the victories all the more for being that much sweeter. Unfortunately, Gene couldn't hang on long enough to enjoy the Broncos victory Super Bowl. Gene passed away at the Pathways Hospice Care Center at McKee Medical Center at age 87. His loving family was at his side every day throughout his hospice stay.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Marinus and Ella; his brother, Virgil; his brother's wife, Katherine; his nephew, Vernon; his niece's sons, Ronnie and Randy; and his nephew, Donald's son, Chris. He is survived by his wife, Roberta, and their three children, sons, Corbin of McIntosh, NM and Preston of Loveland, CO; and their daughter, Brett of Novato, CA. He also is survived by his niece, Carol of Harlan; nephew, Donald and his family of Castle Rock, CO; and the family of the late Vernon of Loudon, TN.

Gene was a kind and gentle man who was adored by those who knew him well, and liked by everyone else. Heaven was immeasurably gained by his entrance, while we are severely diminished by his loss. The words do not exist to adequately express the depth of our loss with his passing.

A celebration of life will be held at a date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to St. Jude either by phone call or by letter. The address is St. Jude, in memory of Eugene Mathiesen, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.