

In Memory of Frank Howard Wood

Obituary

Frank Howard Wood, 92, passed away November 15, 2014 in Littleton, Colorado. He was born on March 26, 1922 in the Williams Fork Valley near Parshall, Colorado as the 11th of 13 children to George Herbert and Lillian Russell Wood. He was preceded in death by his siblings: George, Sylvia, Kenneth, Allyn, Milton, Melvin, Harriet, Herschel,

Lillian, Leonard, Marilyn, and Fred.

Frank was blessed to have shared his life with two wonderful women for a total of 56 years of marriage. Preceded in death by first wife Dorothy, he is survived by two sons, Mark and Barry, two loving daughters-in-law, Nancy and Marcia, four grandchildren, Zachary, Taylor, Hannah, and Noah and two great grandchildren, Ruby and Charlotte. He is survived by his wife Mary and her family including; four children, Bobbie (deceased), Tom, Curtis, and Scott and spouses, Fred, Barbara, and Carrie; eight grandchildren, David, Dwayne, Sarah, Emily, Avery, Morgan, Caroline, and Rebecca; and five great grandchildren, Kevin, Dwayne Jr., Taylor, Aiden, and Isabella. In a large, extended family, Frank cherished his roles as husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle.

Living in the same Denver home for 57 years created many close friendships both new and old.

Frank spent his youth in the Williams Fork Valley of Grand County Colorado. Hard work and resourcefulness were instilled in his childhood, and defined his character throughout life. Frank's career was spent in ranching and construction, it culminated with the GH Phipps construction company, retiring in 1985 as a superintendent. He worked on numerous projects in the Denver area and took great pride in his accomplishments with Phipps. Known as a man who could fix anything, he was often called upon to do so by friends and family. His abilities as a jack of all trades say volumes to his ingenuity and creativity.

Active throughout life Frank constantly amazed family with his energy and vitality. He loved the mountains of Colorado, watching elk, marveling at trains, or solving puzzles. In retirement, much enjoyment came from the challenge of rehabilitating his ranch cabin in Grand County where many fond memories were forged with his family. He will be long remembered for his gracious manner, quick wit, and wry smile.

Private interment will be held at Olingers Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Please join the family to share memories on Sunday November 23 from 3PM to 6PM at the Front Room Pizza, 13795 West Jewell Avenue, Lakewood.

In lieu of flowers or to honor Frank the family requests memorials may be made to:

<u>Alzheimer's Association</u> of Colorado 455 Sherman Street, Suite 500 Denver, CO 80203