

Ronald Edward Brossman

1934 – 2015



Ronald Edward Brossman 81, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2015 while under the care of Pathways Hospice in Fort Collins, CO. He was born January 25, 1934 to Edward C. and Genove E. (Mitchell) Brossman in Greeley, Colorado. Ronald was raised at Highland Lake Colorado, went to Mead Schools where he graduated from high school in 1952, and went into the Navy shortly thereafter, during the Korean War. He was an Electronics Technician Third Class ET3 Radio Technician on the communication ship, the U S S Estes, where he participated in Operation Redwing, the Pacific Proving Ground for a series of Atomic Weapons and Devices tests. While his ship was at port in San Francisco, Ronald was introduced to a shy young lady named Mary Lee who stole his heart. They were married on June 20, 1954 in Redwood City, California. To this happy union were born 4 beautiful children, Mary Ann (Roger) Corliss, Jeannie, Allen (Peggy), and Dean (Carla). Sadly, Jeannie died in infancy. After his four years in the Navy, Ronald attended the University of Colorado at Boulder where he acquired the skills needed to be hired as a Lab Technician at Rocky Flats. Even though he worked at Rocky Flats for 20 years by day, his heart was still on the farm by night and weekends. Being raised in a farming community and spending most summers on his uncle's farm, Ronald had a hard time being indoors all day. So when weekends came and there was planting or harvesting to be done, he would volunteer himself to his close farmer friends to help in the fields wherever needed and be his happiest...outdoors. Ronald was a good neighbor too. He and Mary Lee always raised a big vegetable garden to can and freeze their own produce

sustaining the family, and friends, during the winter months. His tomato yield was sufficient for his family and many neighbors as well. Maybe even a tomato fight or two after the first freeze! Living next to Highland Lake, Ronald was awakened more than once in a while by the rap of an unknowing day-tripper who found themselves stuck in the lakeshore mud and he would either pull them out using his small tractor or loan the family vehicle to them until the next day when more help could arrive. After they retired, Ronald and Mary Lee bought a motor home and traveled extensively, getting to see Alaska, the Eastern Seaboard, and the Deep South and spend their winters in the Parker Dam, California area. He learned to golf and had a great time doing it. Always one for fishing, camping and visiting, this way of travel united these hobbies, and he made many friends along the way. Along with his children named above, he leaves behind his beloved wife, six grandchildren, Joshua (Corinne) Fisketjon, Matthew (Sarah) Fisketjon, Michael Brossman, Adrienne (Steve) Sandoval, Daniel (Tara) Brossman, Andy Frost, and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by one grandson, Jesse Frost (Amber). A Memorial Service will be held at the Highland Lake Church, 16896 Weld County Rd. 5, Mead, Colorado, at 10:00 a.m. Friday June 12, 2015 with a light luncheon following. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the Historic Highland Lake Church or Pathways Hospice in Fort Collins.