



Delbert Lee Prange

March 25, 1930 - March 15, 2013

Despite the amazing care of his many doctors and nurses, my daddy, Delbert Lee Prange was called home to be with our Lord on March 15, 2013. He was born “out on the farm” March 25, 1930 in Staplehurst, Nebraska to a strong, hardworking German couple, Ida and Arthur Prange. He enjoyed farm life and many youthful antics with his brother Truman and cousins Lyal and Maurice Zwick. After graduating Seward High School, Del joined the U.S. Navy proudly serving his country during the Korean Conflict from 1950 to 1954 on the USS Kidd. Back in Seward after the war, while dancing the Tennessee Waltz, he met and married his “Sweetie” MayJean Taylor enjoying 53 years of wedded bliss. In 1958, his best friend, Chuck Smith talked him into testing for the Phoenix Fire Department where he served for 24 ½ years. After his “retirement” he became one the first dispatchers with the Central Yavapai Fire District.

Del had an exceptional love and devotion to his family, neighbors, church and country. His greatest joy was his many adventures with his beloved son and daughter-in-law. Truly he touched many lives and was deeply loved.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Ida Prange; infant son, Kirk Douglas Prange; his wife, MayJean Prange; and brother, Truman (Esther) Prange

Survivors who miss him dearly are his son, Ross Prange; daughter-in-law, Suzette; nephew, Jim (Deb) Prange; nieces, Brenda Prange and Carla Felix; great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Services will be on April 6, 2013 at 3pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3950 Valorie Drive in Prescott Valley, AZ 86314, with the Reverend Tim Blau officiating, with his favorite dinner and storytelling to follow. All whose lives he touched are invited to join us.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Central Yavapai Fire Honor Guard, 8555 E. Yavapai Rd., Prescott Valley, AZ 86314 or Trinity Lutheran Church (at the address above).

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“ Ross,
I've very sorry for your loss.
Carolyn (Kron) Stocker

Carolyn Stocker - April 01, 2013 at 08:43 PM

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Ross, so sorry for your family's loss. Del was a truly special guy with such a uniquely positive outlook, it was really contagious. I used to run into him around the community and we always talked, joked and laughed together until we'd exhausted every subject, important or not.

You have to already know he was over-whelmed with his limit-less Pride of you Ross and your accomplishments.

Exceptional people like Del leave this earth, they never really leave us, they just live on in our hearts & memories.

- Lee Radu

Lee Radu - April 03, 2013 at 11:45 AM