



Delbert Edwin French

December 17, 1945 - January 11, 2022

Delbert E. French

Long time Arvada resident Delbert Edwin French, 76, died Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, surrounded by family in Utah. Delbert died from a late-stage diagnosis of lung and liver cancer. No funeral services will be held; however, a late summer of 2022 Celebration of Life gathering will occur in Arvada, WY (date to be announced). Family encourages friends and community members to share memories, stories, and photos, etc. on Wiscombe Memorial's website, www.wiscombememorial.com.

Delbert was born December 17th, 1945 in Gillette, WY to Henry John and Della Rae (West) French. After growing up in Arvada and graduating from Arvada High School in 1963 he enlisted in the United States Navy. He and his brother Roy Dwight French served together in Naval Air Force Squadron VP-19 in Vietnam. After his service, Delbert married Lois Marie McHoes in 1969 and had four children. He is survived by, Daniel Christopher French, Adele Marie Maynes (Daniel Maynes) of Ogden, UT, Rebecca Benet Seidel (Travis Seidel) of West Jordan, UT, and Sarah Rae French of Farmington, NM. Delbert has eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Additional survivors include his two sisters, D'Lynn Schye, Glasgow, MT, and Ellen Widhalm, Great Falls, MT, brother, Sam French, Denver, CO and aunt Mary French, Hulett, WY. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and two brothers, Roy Dwight and William Ray French. Delbert loved flying airplanes, driving motorcycles, and hiking anywhere his feet would take him. While living in California, Delbert brought his children to Wyoming for a month every summer which became a highlight of their lives. He was a man of integrity, honesty, and good nature. He worked for companies such as Burlington Northern Railroad and Pacific Bell. He will be remembered as a kind, loving, and gentle man.

Comments



“ When I was a boy (10-12 years old), my brother Delbert was my idol. I thought he was the coolest guy. He was just out of the Navy, wore a leather jacket with aviator glasses and slicked back hair. He rode a Triumph motorcycle and drove cars fast. When I was out of college we went backpacking in the Big Horn Mountains a few times, on one trip climbing to the top of Bomber Mountain with our brother Roy and Delbert's son Danny. Delbert loved hiking anywhere, especially in the mountains. I wish I could have had more time with him, but I know he is in a better place now.



Sam French - January 24 at 01:14 AM



“ Sam! These are awesome!

Adele Maynes - January 24 at 09:54 AM



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Rebecca French - January 22 at 05:58 PM



“ November 2000

Rebecca French - January 22 at 05:59 PM



“ Aww, is this the Thanksgiving where I gave everybody food poisoning?

Adele Maynes - January 22 at 06:54 PM



“ When I was young my Mom took my brother and I to see our grandpa out in Wyoming. I'll never get how he always smiled and showed us his leather jacket that was too big for us. We would go to a local school ground and play around on the old equipment. Later when he came to visit us I was in love at how he marveled at how much technology had changed. He was kind and always sought fun.

Gage Schlaich - January 21 at 01:29 PM



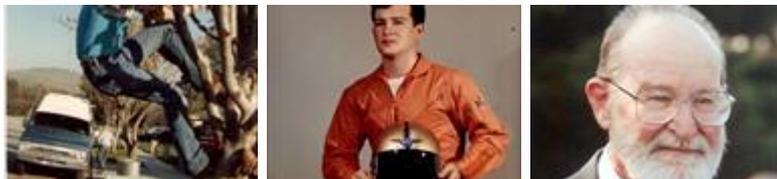
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Adele Maynes - January 21 at 01:12 PM



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Sarah French - January 21 at 01:00 PM



“ My name is Linda Hampshire. Wife of Jerry Hampshire. Those kids were all raised together in the little town of Arvada Wyoming. Best memories. Jerrys mom was the school teacher and DellaRae was the postmaster. Working moms. In an era when that was frowned upon.
I actually knew Roy better because he worked and lived with us for a couple summers.
Now I am a sub at the PO and got to know Delbert a little more. Husband Jerry passed away from very similar diagnosis.
Delbert would come in and ask about Jerry and after Jerry passed he could still find that strength in him to ask about me.
Good man.

Linda Hampshire - January 19 at 10:26 PM