

Phyllis Ann and Dale Evan Mortimore ✓

Aug. 31, 1940 - Feb. 21, 1998 and Sept. 23, 1935 - May 4, 1998

WESTMINSTER, CO - Phyllis Ann Nelson Mortimore was born Aug. 31, 1940 to Howard and Grace Smith at Mo. Valley. She was the eldest of five children and attended schools in Harlan and Mo. Valley.

June 2, 1962 she married Dale Mortimore at the Congregational Church in Harlan. They lived in Iowa and Oregon, finally making their permanent home in Colorado in 1969. She and Dale had five children. She attended the Emily Griffith Opportunity School, then worked for Capp Homes in Colorado Springs as a drafts person. Later she attended a community college studying to become a diet technician, working at the Lutheran Hospital in that capacity. She again attended Emily Griffith Opportunity School studying to become an optician, then worked at LensCrafters. She was a member of Celiac Association and also a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. She was especially interested in children's ministry, was a teacher and a storyteller. She had been involved with the Campfire organization as well as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. She died of an extended illness Feb. 21, 1998 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Denver, CO, at age 57 years, six months, 21 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Grace Smith, and a sister, Patti Horst. She was survived by her husband, Dale; her five children, Terry Mortimore of Thornton, CO; Robert (Pam) Nelson of Westminster, CO; DeRae (Elias) Rivera of Westminster, CO; Evan (Laurie) Mortimore of Arvada, CO; and Lee (fiance, Gina Melarango) of Arvada, CO; a sister, Judy (Jon) Rasmussen of Kirkman; two brothers, Charles (Patti) Smith of Canon City, CO and Keith Smith of Colorado Springs; 11 grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 26, 1998, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Westminster, CO, with burial of the cremains held at a later date.

Dale Evan Mortimore was born Sept. 23, 1935 to Cecil Evan and Pearl Rose Mortimore at Hamburg. He started working at a very young age, including jobs with Earl May in Shenandoah and later as a machinist for Butternut Coffee Company. At around the age of 12 he began learning his skills as a carpenter for Capp Homes, McDonalds and other privately owned businesses. In 1969 he began his own carpentry business and when his sons grew to an age of employment, he taught them his skills and formed a family carpentry business of Mortimore and Sons, Inc. in the 1970's. He died suddenly at home May 4, 1998, at age 62 years, eight months 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Pearl Mortimore and his wife, Phyllis, only 7 days prior. He was survived by one sister, Lois Finley of Springfield, OR; brothers, Kenneth Mortimore of Sidney and Harold "Max" Mortimore of Sun Valley, AZ; and five children, Terry Mortimore of Thornton, CO; Robert (Pam) Nelson of Westminster, CO; DeRae (Elias) Rivera of Westminster, CO; Evan (Laurie) Mortimore of Arvada, CO and Lee (Gina) Mortimore of Arvada, CO; a sister-in-law, Judy (Jon) Rasmussen of Kirkman; two brothers-in-law, Charles (Patti) Smith of Canon City, CO and Keith Smith of Colorado Springs, CO; 11 grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at North West Friends Church of Arvada, CO, May 7, 1998, with burial of the cremains held at a later date.

