



## Wyborne Traut

April 17, 1919 - September 11, 2009

Wyborne Eugene Traut was born April 17, 1919 in Loveland, Colorado, the first of four children of John L. and Lydia (Miller) Traut who were both Germans from Russia. He died September 11, 2009 at the Corvallis, Oregon home of his son, Davis.

He was raised in Casper, Wyoming and graduated from Natrona County HS in 1938. He attended Hastings (NE) College, . He served with the U.S. Army Air Corp flying P-38's in North Africa and the Philippines during the WWII. He was a Captain when he was discharged on 1946. Upon his return from service, he started his career with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad as a fireman. He moved into management for the railroad in 1950. He retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad after forty five years of service in 1984.

He married his high school sweetheart, Betty Lou Seidel, on May 30, 1942 in San Rafael, California. They lived in a number of mid western towns with his employment on the railroad. They had two sons, Davis and Donald. Upon retirement, he and Betty returned to their beloved Wyoming and built their home on Casper mountain. They were happily married for 53 years. In addition to many wonderful friends, he is survived by his sons, Davis Traut of Corvaillis, Oregon and Donald Traut of Bridgewater, New Jersey; sister Katherine Clark of Casper; two granddaughters, Kathryn and Johanna Traut and two grandsons, Justin Traut and Timothy Roome Traut; sister-in-law June Ann McDaniel, brother-in-law Vin Haley, nieces, Debby Jay of Casper, Nancy D'Hooge of Denver, Barbara Traut of Ft. Collins, Becky Steensland of Casper,

Christy Welton of Casper, Michele Porter of Las Vegas, NV, nephews John McDaniel of Jackson, James McDaniel of Tennessee and Robert McDaniel of Casper plus numerous cousins, great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 1995, two brothers, Leroy and John, and his parents.

He was an avid fly fisherman. He was a member of the Shiners. A celebration of the life of Wyborne Eugene Traut will be held in Casper, Wyoming in the summer of 2010.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family & Friends- Just a short note concerning Uncle Wyborne: My favorite story is when he went walking with us around his house on Casper Mountain one summer evening. Scott was about 6 or 7 at the time. Uncle Wyborne walked up to a sagebrush, and stared at it for a moment. He then called to Scott to come over with him, and showed him a dollar bill that was “caught” in the sagebrush’s limbs. Uncle Wyborne told Scott that he should have it. Scott, of course, was very excited for this unexpected discovery of great wealth because of his Great Uncle’s keen eye! Uncle Wyborne denied any “plant” of the money for Scott’s benefit— but he always said this with a his shy and knowing smile.

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**John McDaniel** - September 16, 2009 at 01:14 PM