



Captain Youel

October 21, 1950 - February 24, 2013

Captain Roger Howard Youel, 62, passed away Sunday, February 24, 2013. He was born in Gordon, NE on October 21, 1950, the son of Dale and Betty Youel. He graduated from Gordon High School in 1969 and the United States Air Force Academy in 1973. He also graduated from the University of Colorado at Denver with a Master's degree in Architecture in 1990. Roger wrote poetry, was a Master Gardener, enjoyed rock collecting and was an abstract painter. Captain Youel was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Betty Youel. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Jean Thomsen-Youel; brother, Jim Youel and wife, Norma, of Casper, WY; sister, Kathy Davis and husband, Roger, of York, PA; son, Scott Holland and wife, Dawn, of Arvada, CO; daughter, Barbara Youel-Bendz and husband, Bryce, of Northglenn, CO; grandchildren, Brittany Bendz, Kenneth Lowe, Jasmine Holland, Bailey Holland, and Jeydon Holland; great-granddaughter, Alicia Bendz; as well as several extended family members. Friends and family are welcome to gather at FRENCH – Wyoming on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I only learned of Roger's passing. I am feeling overwhelmed with memories and sad for your loss. My time with Roger was when he was Captain Youel at Lowry Air Force Base. He loved being an Air Force Academy graduate, loved his Air Force, was proud of his country, and yes was even proud of being from Nebraska (I am from Kansas). He hired me to work in the command post, a very unpopular thing with the senior officers. It was even hard for him to do, as he admitted later, but he believed it was the right choice. In retrospect I, know now that it took a lot of courage. It was a life-changing event for me which led to some good professional opportunities that most women didn't have. He was a kind and brilliant man who tolerated a whole bunch of less brilliant folks with grace and dignity. He loved his family and had the quirkiest sense of humor. He was serious about work but showed us how to have fun doing it. I personally learned a lot about leadership from him. I think he would have been proud to hear that. My husband, Terry, and I are sad to hear of his passing but grateful for our memories. I know that he found great joy in what he told me was "just being with Jean". Roger did many things that others just dream about. He flew airplanes, traveled overseas,, learned architecture, had a gift for writing, and created a whole new and separate life away from his military career. This life seems to have been filled with art and beauty. We were blessed to have spent time with him and his family. He used to proofread and edit my writings, sometimes we would fuss about it. Hopefully, I spelled and punctuated everything correctly. I will even miss his red pen marking up my masterpieces. Debra Hadsall and Terry Hadsall Port Isabel, Texas

Debra Hadsall - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ We will watch for a special star and will know it will be Roger. I did not know you Jean but I am sure you are special or Roger would not have picked you for his wife. Still cannot believe he is gone.

Shirley&Floyd Crone - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ my family is terribly saddened by the passing of our Brother and Uncle to melanoma cancer of the liver. It was too quick and so unfair. We are forever grateful to his adored wife Jeanie for giving him light, meaning and joy. His daughter Barbara related that Roger confided he would come back as a star. He will always be our star and those of us who love him will always be his planets reflecting his light and love. Be one with the mystery and beauty of the universe, Roger.

kathy davis - March 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Roger's passing. I knew Roger and Jean when we were members of the Westside Community Chorale. We shared a love of singing and a vision for the group that was very sweet and dear to me. My thoughts are with you all in your grief. He is a beautiful soul. Lynn

Lynn Altman - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Jean, I wish that you would have many more years with Roger. Though I didn't know him, what I've read about him in the Guest Book messages lets me know he must've been a special person, with roots in western Nebraska. I'm thankful you had those 14 years together. I hope peace and comfort will fill your heart. From your school classmate in Lincoln, Susan Pierce

Susan Pierce - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Jean- My thoughts and prayers are with you. Roger was such a kind soul, I know you will miss him dearly. My heart aches for you.
Love, Lynn

Lynn Weeks - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Roger will be missed by all. He was a good man and so fun to be around. Our deepest sympathy to Jean and the family. We are thinking of you with caring thoughts during this difficult time.

Ray & Cindi Lewis - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Jean, you and your extended family have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I remember Roger as a gentle spirit and leader in the Westside Community Chorale.

Anne Fitzpatrick - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Although we lost touch after graduation I considered Roger a good friend at the United States Air Force Academy. My condolences to his friends and family.

Rick West - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I can't think of Roger Youel without thinking about what I learned about life in Nebraska from him when we were room mates at the Air Force Academy. I never imagined I would hear so much about ranching at the school where pilots and things that go up in the air came from. And Roger would be up there in the sky too, but he came from the land. And as solid as the land, that was Roger. It was a pleasure to have known you. God bless you my friend in eternal peace.

Warren Smith - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Youel family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. God bless you all.

Tracy Kling - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ ROGER, YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED !!! YOU BROUGHT YOUR CAZY SENSE OF HUMOUR TO US ALL. YOUR LOVE OF YOUR CHILDREN AND FAMILY WAS ADMIRABLE. WE LOVED YOUR ACCEPTING ATTITUDE - NEVER CRITICIZING. AND, WE WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY THAT YOU "FLIPPED" YOUR FATHER'S CAR ON THE DIRT ROAD COMING FROM THE FARM. YOU JUST LAYED THAT BABY OVER AND BOTH YOU AND THE CAR WALKED AWAY WITHOUT A SCRATCH. MISS YOU LITTLE BROTHER !!!

NORMA & JIM YOUEL - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear of Roger's passing our prayers have been with all of you .Know Roger will be greatly missed.His family was so proud of him. God BlessCrone Family

Shirley Walton Crone - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *prayers to your family*

georgia allison - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Jean and Family,I am sorry for your loss. Although we have not been in contact for awhile, I remember Roger fondly during the time Jean and I worked at Apria together. You are in my thoughts and prayers.Karen*

Karen Cipoletti - February 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Joel Chavez - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM