

OBITUARY



Benjamin Silliman, 84, of Loveland, passed from this life on January 23, 2015. Born May 14, 1930 to Benjamin and Caroline (Winkelbauer) Silliman in Somerville, NJ, he grew up in rural Hunterdon County, NJ. He worked on farms and loved dairying through his teens and early 20s. On June 15, 1951 he married Lois (Hann) in Hackettstown, NJ. He apprenticed to a carpenter, eventually operating his own business before being employed for special projects and maintenance at Centenary College. He was a Boy Scout leader and church elder. Ben was known for his honesty, friendliness, and kindness to all. In May 1971, Ben moved his family to Loveland and gained employment in commercial construction projects throughout Northern Colorado. He contributed to building phase 1 of McKee Medical Center and rebuilding of the Thompson Canyon pipeline after the 1976 flood. Later Ben created his own business as a Master

Carpenter. He loved fly fishing and RVing from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the AlCan Highway to Alaska. He practiced organic gardening before it was popular, fly tying as an art and science, and custom furniture building. Every day he thanked God for the beauty and opportunity to live in Colorado. Ben is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lois, son Ben (Betty) of Apex, NC, daughter Carla of Thorne Bay, AK, sister-in-law Betty Hann of Loveland, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws Jacob and Thelma Hann, brother Rudy and grandson Matthew. No services are planned, but friends are welcomed to extend condolences to Lois privately or go to www.vieutfuneralhome.com for condolences.

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NAME: Silliman, Benjamin

DATE OF DEATH: January 24, 2015