Obituary

Born: Thursday, June 17, 1937
Died: Sunday, November 22, 2015

Jerry Robert Ledlow

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Jerry Robert Ledlow, a resident of Woodland Park, CO, made his transition to Heaven unexpectedly in Colorado Springs on November 22, 2015, with loved ones at his side. He fought a brief battle with cancer with courage and faith. He was born June 17, 1937, in Longview, TX, the only child of Robert and Bessie Ledlow.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the love of his life, Sharon; daughter, Lisa Gilmore, son-in-law, John, and grandson, Luke; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Ledlow, and granddaughters, Andria and Abby, all from Colorado Springs. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Michael James Ledlow, and grandchildren, James and Anna Gilmore.

Jerry received an Associates degree from Kilgore Junior College and attended East Texas State University. He spent over 40 years working in the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma. He was Manager of Oil and Gas Systems for Occidental Petroleum in Tulsa, and after retiring, he continued his career in Oklahoma City working as a Senior Regulatory Compliance Analyst, retiring from Chesapeake Energy in 2005. He achieved the rank of MSG in the Army Reserves and retired after 23 years, having served as an Instructor at the USAR School in Tulsa.

After moving to Woodland Park, Jerry served on his HOA board and on his community CWPP Committee. He greatly appreciated the opportunity to get to know his wonderful neighbors, who soon became beloved friends. He ushered/volunteered at his church and loved his minister, church family, and dearest friends, Richard and Linda Anthony.

Jerry was a gentle, kind man who loved his family more than anything in the world.

His friends were dear to him, and he had a caring heart for animals. He had a great appreciation for nature, living in the mountains, and being outdoors. Jerry and Sharon loved to camp, hike, and fish together. Jerry happily converted from Oklahoma bass fishing to fly fishing in Colorado streams.

One prized possession was a Striped Marlin, caught in Kona, Hawaii, and proudly displayed on his office wall. Jerry and Sharon enjoyed their many travels, Hawaii being one of his favorite destinations.
During his college years, Jerry spent countless hours customizing his car, which was shown at the National Championship Drag Races in Oklahoma City and featured in a national magazine. He was thrilled to work on a pit crew at the races, and in later years, he enjoyed viewing hot rods at car shows. He was an enthusiastic fan of Nascar. Jerry was an avid reader and enjoyed playing cards and games with family and friends. His was a life well lived. To know Jerry was to admire, respect and love him. He will be missed tremendously.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., Unity Spiritual Center, 1945 Mesa Rd., Colorado Springs, 80904.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. A cremation has been performed and interment will be at a later date.