

NO PHOTO Winters, Lawrence 'Larry'

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Lawrence "Larry" Winters, a 23-year resident of Montrose, died July 1, 2007 at home with his wife and son at his side.

Larry was born Dec. 27, 1920 in Quincy, Ill., where he resided for the first 21 years of his life until drafted into the US Army in WWII. He was a combat veteran in the Pacific Theater serving with the 96th Infantry Division, participating in the landing on Leyte Island in the Philippines in 1944 and the landing on Okinawa in 1945. For his service to his country he received a purple heart, two bronze stars, and a presidential citation for "extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy."

Post WWII, he was employed at the U.S. Naval Ordnance Research Laboratory in White Oak, Md.

Larry was well known for his sense of humor and quick wit. He enjoyed golf, fishing, coffee with his buddies at McDonalds, word puzzles, watching re-runs of Gunsmoke and Lawrence Welk, wintering in Sun City West, Ariz. and eating Whoppers with his friends Kioko and "C.C." Larry was also a lifetime member of the Montrose Historical Society and an active member of the Elks Lodge 1053 (He enjoyed the Sunday brunch K.P. duty).

Larry is survived by his wife, Evelyn, two children from a previous marriage; a son Craig Winters and a daughter, Laurie Townsend (Clayton); five grandchildren and one great-grandson; a sister, Virginia Burgoyne; two nieces; several grand nephews and nieces and his in-laws, Pauline and Doug Nichols and Penny and Ken Bain.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence & Gertrude Winters, his loving grandparents, and his first wife, Isabel.

Larry will be in our hearts forever. He will be truly missed.

The family is planning a memorial service for Monday, July 23 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge, 801 Hillcrest Drive. At that time, the family asks that in lieu of flowers , memorial contributions be made in Larry's name to either the Elks Lodge 1053, or the Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado, P.O. Box 1804, Montrose, CO, 81402.

Inurnment will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.