Biography of Gary A. Woods

If the value of a life is measured by one's relationships, Gary A. Woods lived one of the most full and rich lives possible. Gary was a devoted husband, an adoring father, an exceptional grandfather and a loyal and dependable friend. He had a profound effect on all who knew and loved him and had a reputation of generosity, integrity, leadership and selflessness.

Gary passed from this life on July 16, 2009, after a courageous and inspiring two-year fight against cancer. Gary was born on Oct. 22, 1945, to William and Frances Woods of Loveland. Gary was a self-made professional who graduated from Loveland High School in 1963, the University of Colorado in 1967 and the University of Colorado Law School in 1970. While at CU, Gary was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and remained an avid Buff fan throughout his life.

Gary was a partner of Isaacson, Rosenbaum, Woods and Levy for over 35 years. As a contract attorney, Gary represented prominent contractors for many of the largest office buildings in downtown Denver. Over the last decade, Gary partnered with the Bradbury family in developing real estate, including the Lincoln Station transit village, which was recognized this year as the office project of the year by NAIOP. During this time, Gary also served as general counsel to Castle Pines Golf Club and contributed countless pro bono hours to the Colorado Golf Association in its acquisition and development of Common Ground golf course.

Gary lived life to the fullest and enjoyed sailing, skiing and traveling the world. He was an avid golfer and loved the camaraderie of salmon fishing, pheasant hunting and playing poker with his many friends. Most of all, he loved his family and lived a balanced life, making plenty of time for building sand castles in Coronado, Calif., with his kids; coaching his son's basketball team for two seasons, taking the team from an 0-8 record the first year to an 8-0 record the following season; attending countless early morning swim meets; and providing his family with rich life experiences and travel.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Sandra Woods; his daughter, Stephanie Stewart, who lives in Greenwood Village with her husband, Andrew, and children Riley, Tanner and Carter; son Michael Woods, who lives in Los Altos, Calif., with his wife, Kathryn, and son Matthew and daughter Alyson; brother William Woods of Fort Collins; sister Sharyl Harston of Denver; and mother-in-law Florence L. Harris of Loveland.