

Psalm 23

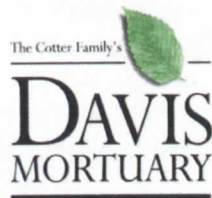
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

The Withnell family thanks you for your thoughts and prayers as they mourn their loss. You are invited to join them at a reception in the Masonic Lodge reception room immediately following the graveside portion of today's service.

The family suggests that memorial gifts in Dr. Melvin C. Withnell's name be made to your favorite charity.



Melvin was born to Thomas and Mabel Withnell on June 1, 1930, in Jud, North Dakota. He had three sisters: Verla, Viola, and Della Mae. Mel graduated from Jud High School in Jud, North Dakota in 1947. He was also a member of the Jud High School championship basketball team! He was #5. Melvin continued his education and received his Bachelor of science in education from Valley City State Teachers College on June 1, 1951...his 21st birthday! In order to pay for college, Mel sold and repaired televisions. Melvin taught in Dickey, North Dakota where he became the superintendent.



He received his Master of Science degree from the University, Grand Forks, North Dakota on August 9, 1958. He also taught at the University of North Dakota. Melvin earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Illinois-Urbana on June 15, 1963. Melvin continued his education even further by earning his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and taught there for three years. He also taught at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Melvin moved to Pueblo, Colorado to become a mathematics professor at Southern Colorado State College, where he taught for many years and became the department chair. He was the co-author of the math book for elementary education teachers. Melvin retired in May 1994 from the University of Southern Colorado. Mel began the greyhound kennel where he bred, trained, and raced greyhounds. He taught academic gear throughout the year and raced greyhounds in the summers. During his retirement, he had the liquor store, the coffee shop, traveled with LeeAnn, attended family reunions and trips to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, and an infant daughter. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 63 years LeeAnn; children Gary (Lois) Withnell, Carmen (Bob) Neevel, James (Naomi) Withnell, Vickie Hartley (David Haakana), and Bret (Jamie) Withnell. Melvin was blessed with his grandchildren: Madison, Xander and Xoe Withnell, Amy (John) Wolfe, Rachelle Schmitz, Nick Withnell, Emily (Sam) Twedt, Krista (Jesse) Hartley, Jaymie Hartley, Jayson (Samantha) Hartley, Andrea (Mike) Dobbblemann and Mike (Lydia) Withnell. Mel was also blessed with his great grandchildren: Bryce and Kailey Wolfe, Colton, Jaxon, McKenzie and Lexi Schmitz, Lauren and Leo Withnell, Miles and Lacey Dobbblemann, Nora, Bryn, Eden and Wyatt Twedt, DJ, Austin, Emma, Reign, Mason and Brody Hartley as Melvin also had numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

In Loving Memory Of

Dr. Melvin Cleo Withnell

SUNRISE: June 1, 1930 in Jud, North Dakota

SUNSET: July 26, 2023 in Pueblo, Colorado

FUNERAL SERVICE

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Davis Memorial Chapel

OFFICIANT

Pastor Scott Bailey

LIFE STORY

Gary Withnell

FAMILY SHARING

Madison Kaye

Xander Withnell

Xoe Withnell

James Withnell

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"Fly Like a Bird"

"The Old Rugged Cross"

PALL BEARERS

Bret Withnell

Andre Johnson

Gary Withnell

Madison Kaye

James Withnell

Xander Withnell

ENTOMBMENT

Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, Colorado

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

Davis Mortuary

128 Broadway Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado