



## Yale R. Nelson

October 10, 1918 - May 17, 2014

Yale R. Nelson, 95, died Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Boulder, CO. Funeral service will be held 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the United Church of Christ in Broomfield, CO. In Nebraska, visitation will be 2:00 P.M., Thursday, June 5 at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Gibbon, immediately followed by burial at 3:00 P.M. at the Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Yale's memory can be made to TRU Community Care, 2594 Trail Ridge Drive East, Lafayette, CO, 80026. Arrangments were entrusted to the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Gibbon.

Yale Roy Nelson was born October 10, 1918 on a farm near Edgar, Clay County, Nebraska. He was the son of Arthur Nelson and Francis Josephine Cavett. He died at the age of 95 and will be buried in Riverside Cemetery at Gibbon, Nebraska. Preceding him in death were his wife and six brothers and sisters.

Yale grew up on a farm near Verona, Nebraska. After attending high school at Clay Center, he attended Hastings College. In his senior year he entered into a flight training program, completing it June 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was retained in that service as a flight instructor. He and his college sweetheart, Jean Nutter, were married that year.

In 1944 with the war winding down, Yale left active military service in July 1945 and began work with United Airlines. Yale was promoted to Line Captain in 1947. In addition, he held several other jobs with UAL including First Officer, Flight Instructor, Flight Simulator Instructor, and Test Pilot.

During his time with United, Yale visited many of the world's major airlines assisting with their training and operational problems. He retired in 1980, after almost 37 years with United. Besides work, Yale's lifelong interests were family, music, antique car restoration, antique furniture restoration, clock building, and genealogy.

Yale and Jean moved to Broomfield in 1958 and raised four children: Robert, Steven, Thomas, and Marilyn. All presently live in the Broomfield, Colorado area. Yale is also survived by six grandchildren, six great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. He inspired and was supportive of his family and all who knew him. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Yale R. Nelson*

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