



Fred C. Hobson, beloved father and grandfather

FORT COLLINS, Colo. - Fred C. Hobson, 86, of Fort Collins, a former longtime resident of Shinglehouse, Pa., passed away in his daughter and son-in-law's home on Thursday (March 10, 2022).

Born on Wednesday (July 24, 1935) in Sparta, Wisc., he was a son of Fred Lee and Cora E. Peterson Hobson. On Sept. 27, 1964, in Norfolk, Va., he married Ella P. Wood at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Fred graduated from Sparta High School, Sparta, in 1953. He served in the U.S. Navy from Feb 1954 to June 1980, retiring as a chief petty officer, receiving many awards and acknowledgments for his attention to detail and excellence.

After retiring from the Navy, Fred was employed at Olean General Hospital in 1980, retiring in Dec 2000. Fred was a member of the Shinglehouse United Methodist Church, serving as a financial chairman, treasurer and trustee. He was also a member of the Shinglehouse American Legion Post 530 and a member of the Potter County Honor Guard. He served as a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society.

He was an avid reader and loved westerns. He liked to travel and try new things. He was always serving others.

Surviving are two sons, Christopher J. Hobson of Shinglehouse and Michael J. Hobson of Sharon, Pa.; a daughter, Teresa L. (James) Jensen of Fort Collins; four grandchildren; a brother, Daniel Hobson; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Fred was predeceased by his wife, Ella; and two sisters, Catherine Hobson and Charlene Vanderplaats.

Family and friends are invited to call from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday (March 17, 2022) at the Virgil L. Howard Funeral Home, 118 S. Union St., Shinglehouse, where funeral services will follow at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Preston Hutchins, Jr., pastor of the Shinglehouse United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Bell Run Cemetery, Shinglehouse.