As a businessman, pastor, friend, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Stan could be counted upon to be generous, trustworthy, friendly, hard-working, effective, and humorous—all within the context of serving the Lord with all of his heart.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to
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Stanley A. Harwood is survived by . . .
Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren . . .

Rodene Harwood

Ronda and Dave Woodward
Tonja and Tim Fellet
Madelynn, Katheryn and Megan

Jason and Janet Woodward
Mary, Jacob, Emily, Joseph and Kathryn

Jessica and Gordon Matlock
Dane and Nate

Vance and Nancy Harwood
Kendra and Justin McGehee
Hailey, Alexa and Matthew

Trevor and Eli Harwood
Meryn Harwood

Glynette Harrison
Rhys and Kelson

Shawn and Ann Harwood
Jacob and Samuel
Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth...... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:14a and 15b

Celebrating the Life of Stan A. Harwood

Memorial Service

April 6, 2013

Stanley Harwood was born on a 160-acre homestead near Walsenburg, Colorado, on July 27, 1919. His father, Clarence, a talented entrepreneur, moved the family to Denver in 1920 to start an ice cream and dairy business. Stan spent his childhood living in the Denver area going to school and working in the family ice-cream stores.

After attending East High School, Stan went to Wheaton College where he sang in a Sunday quartet and graduated with a major in business and a minor in Bible. After finishing his degree at Wheaton, Stan returned to Denver to help manage the family business, Purity Creamery, with his father and also began one of his ongoing passions in life—church planting. He'd been ordained as a Baptist Minister his last year of college and started his first church plant, Mission Hills, in Littleton. Stan would shepherd a church from a seedling state until it grew large enough to support a full-time pastor—and then would move on to plant a new crop where it was needed. He poured his heart into two more church communities; the Indian Hills Church, and Plum Creek Church, in the Chatfield dam area.

Stan married Betty, the love of his life in 1943, and soon after the wedding entered a position in the Army where he served until 1946. His service included ferrying troops back and forth from Europe on Liberty ships, and supervising German prisoners in New York—where his biggest challenge was thwarting attempts to distill alcohol from fermented potatoes.

In 1948 Stan and Clarence moved their business interests back into ranching when they bought the 1500 acre Willow Springs Ranch. Beginning in the 70s Stan devoted his business efforts into developing the land, including sites for 740 homes and an 18-hole golf course. Stan not only planted churches and golf courses, he also helped start Western Bible Institute in the early 60s, which over time morphed into Colorado Christian University. He served on their board for many years and supported the university with both guidance and generous giving.

In his later years, Stan continued to pour into the ministries that he believed in, but rather than planting more churches, he took to planting in his garden. A true green thumb with a love of spending time outdoors with his wife, Stan’s planting brought about beautiful flowers, vegetables, and a garden legacy that is symbolic of the life he lived.