

BENJAMIN LACRUE OBITUARY



Benjamin E. LaCrue of Lakewood CO, age 98, entered the kingdom of God on May 18th, 2023.

He was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, uncle, neighbor, and friend to many. Ben was born in Cokedale, CO and moved to Denver during his early childhood. He attended North High School and left school at 17 to join the Merchant Marines during World War II. He served in the Pacific Front and shared many stories of his time on ships as well as time in port.

After the war, he moved back to Denver and went to work for Western Electric as a shipper/receiver and a loan officer for Wedenum Credit Union. He retired from the company after 40 years. As a young man, Ben loved the outdoors and being social. He was a member of the Colorado Mountain Club and loved to hike, climb, and ski. He was also active in the Cathedral Club (Basilica of the Immaculate Conception). In addition, he was a Knights of Columbus member, and it was at a dance that he met his bride. They married and enjoyed 58 years of marriage.

Ben lived a life of service, faith, and family. He was a caretaker to many including his parents, his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church and enjoyed sharing his beautiful voice in the Sunday choir for many years. Ben loved his family, especially his daughters. There are many memories of family meals, holiday gatherings, and warm summer nights of playing kickball in the front yard.

He was known for his kind spirit, love of the outdoors, sense of humor, and singing around the house.

Ben was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Joseph LaCrue, his sister, Rose LaCrue Valdez, and wife, Mary Stahl LaCrue. He is survived by his three daughters Lorraine Krajnik, Christine Kennedy and Diane (Casey) Snyder, and four grandchildren Szandor Kranjik, Kellen Kennedy, Brooke Kennedy and Casey Snyder.

Visitation and Rosary at Mount Olivet's Mortuary Monday, June 5th from 6:30-8 pm. A mass celebrating his life will be held Tuesday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church at 1985 Miller Street in Lakewood. Luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the [Colorado Mountain Club](#) at cmc.org/donate.