In Memoriam: Norman L. Ringhand

Norm Ringhand passed away on April 7, 2014, at his home in Frisco, Colorado. He was 71 years old.

He left his entire estate, valued at nearly $2 million, to The Summit Foundation.

Norman graduated from the University of Montana in Missoula with a B.S. in Forest Management in 1966. He entered the army in service to his country through the ROTC program as a 2nd Lieutenant on Aug. 2, 1966, where he served in Vietnam as part of the Army Corps of Engineers as a combat engineer until his honorable discharge on Aug. 21, 1968, as a 1st Lieutenant. Norm received many honors including the Purple Heart for a wound he received during his service.

After positions in Madison, Wisconsin and then in Santa Fe, N.M., Ringhand relocated to Frisco in 1978 where he worked for Robillard and Associates. After Robillard, Norm created Ringhand Engineering and Management and through this enterprise he served as the District Administrator of the Snake River Water District in Keystone. He worked for the district from 1984 to 2002. During his tenure, the River Run Base area at the base of Keystone was developed.

Lt. Norman Ringhand was proud of his military service. He always flew the flag above his front door. Norm always wore his dog tags and some medals on Veteran’s Day. His friends would often hear stories of his service.

Norm also loved cars. During his early years in Frisco he purchased a Model T from a friend. He enjoyed his cars a great deal and would drive them during parades and take his nieces and nephew for rides. He eventually donated his Model T to the Frisco Historical Society.

The Peaks Society Fund

This estate gift created a board-designated fund within The Summit Foundation’s Endowment Fund, The Peaks Society Fund, which recognizes the legacy of individuals like Norm that have made planned gifts to The Summit Foundation.

The Peaks Society Fund makes annual distributions of up to 5 percent of the value of the Fund (determined by the Fund value at The Summit Foundation’s fiscal year end, currently September 30) in grants to local nonprofit organizations.

This Fund allows immediate community impact for those who make planned gifts to The Summit Foundation, particularly when the donor has not communicated to The Summit Foundation a specific intention for their gift.

Proceeds received through bequests, stock transfers, annuities, trusts, retirement plans or insurance policies may be directed to The Peaks Society Fund. In addition, donors may choose to designate any remaining assets in their donor advised funds to roll into The Peaks Society Fund after their death.

The Summit Foundation is honored by the generosity of Norm Ringhand and 80 others who have notified The Summit Foundation of their planned gift intentions. The Summit Foundation invites others to follow Norm Ringhand’s legacy in dedicating these kinds of gifts to The Summit Foundation.