

OBITUARY



James P. "Tom" Camerlo
Chairman of the Board
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.

James P. "Tom" Camerlo, of Pueblo, Colo., passed away on December 3, 2009 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on March 4, 1934, in Florence, Colo., Tom's life demonstrated a deep commitment to his family, his community and the dairy industry.

Tom provided years of expertise and leadership to the dairy industry in the arenas of dairy trade, farm policy, cooperative marketing and dairy product promotion. He owned and operated Camerlo Dairy since 1963. Tom served as chairman of the board for Dairy Farmers of America and U.S. Dairy Export Council; he also served on the boards of Dairy Management Inc., Western Dairy Association and Nationwide Insurance. Tom received several presidential appointments to the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade. He was also the former president of National Milk Producers Federation in Washington D.C.

In addition to his dairy contributions, Tom served on the board of the K-12 Foundation for Education and Destination ImagiNation. In 2009, Tom was honored with the inaugural Camerlo Award, which recognizes individuals who have committed countless hours and donated extraordinary resources to Destination ImagiNation.

Tom graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. He was a member of the CSU Provost Advisory Committee. Following college, he served his country as a senior parachutist with the rank of Captain in the 101st Airborne in the U.S. Army.

Tom earned numerous awards during his career and received international recognition. He was named World Dairy Expo's Dairyman of the Year in 2003; the Colorado Livestock Association presented him the "Best Hand" Award in 2002; he was inducted into the Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2001; and he received the National Council of Farmer Cooperative's National Cooperative Statesman Award in 1999.

He is survived by his loving family including wife Barbara and four children, Patty Nicolini, Jim and Tom Camerlo, Brooke Barickman, and his sister Cathryn Moschetti. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Lexi, Ally, Nick, Tony, Joshua, Jacob and Jared Camerlo.

Service arrangements are pending through T.G. McCarthy Funeral Home in Pueblo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the James P. "Tom" Camerlo Memorial Scholarship at Colorado State University. The scholarship will be awarded to students in the Department of Animal Sciences, College of Agricultural Sciences. Contributions in Tom's name may be mailed to:

CSU Foundation,
Camerlo Memorial Scholarship
P.O. Box 1870
Fort Collins, CO 80522