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Alexander T. Cringan, age 86, of Fort Collins, Colo. died Oct. 30, 2012, at Poudre Valley Hospital. Alex has been cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Foothills Unitarian Church. Dr. Mark Salkin will officiate.

Alex was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on June 21, 1926, to John Cringan and Evelyn Cringan. He matriculated from University of Toronto Schools in 1943. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Forestry, a Masters degree in Zoology from the University of Toronto, and Ph.D. in Conservation from the University of Michigan.

He met June Campbell while they both worked for the Department of Lands and Forests in Toronto. They were married in Bracebridge, Ontario, on May 17, 1952. Alex worked as a District Biologist with the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Sioux Lookout, Ontario, and as a Lecturer in Wildlife Biology at the University of Guelph, Ontario, until 1970. He was a Professor in Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. from 1970 until retiring in 1989. He is a life member of the Wildlife Society, and has belonged to several professional and conservation organizations. In retirement he worked as a volunteer for the Poudre River Trust; in early development of the Swanson Nature Area; the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas Project; and for Operation Osprey. He enjoyed bird-watching, fishing, hunting, square-dancing, bridge, genealogy, and computing.



He is survived by his wife June, his sister Mary Janes of Toronto; his two sons Alexander C. of Hope, B.C. and Douglas (Gayle) of Wellington, Colo.; and four beautiful granddaughters, Doctor Heather of North Grafton, Mass., Kelly of Wellington, Colo., and twins Allison and Megan of San Tan Valley,

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Ariz. His parents and three brothers preceded him in death. Alex will be remembered by his family and friends for his smile, his wealth of knowledge, and his kind disposition. We wish to thank all the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff who have helped us.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Foothills Unitarian Church Endowment Fund, 1815 Yorktown Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80526, or to the Fort Collins Audubon Society, P.O. Box 271968, Fort Collins, CO 80527-1968.

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