

Mountain climber Giles Toll leaves land, family history as legacy

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A third generation Coloradan with a fierce regard for the outdoors, Giles Toll leaves a legacy of land to enjoy.

Toll, 88, died on Jan. 29, at home with his family.

Born in Denver, Toll attended Williams College and Harvard Medical School. He was in the Navy medical corps for two years.

In 1961, Toll returned to Denver to practice pathology and admire the state he loved by mountaineering, skiing and traveling with his wife, Connie Hauver.

"He was happiest in the mountains," said daughter Marcia Toll.

Toll worked with family members to transfer family property in and around South Boulder Creek into the public domain.

His son, Chris Toll, said the South Boulder Creek was special to his dad. A portion of the land was added to Indian Peaks Wilderness area.

"I think he wanted that land to stay the way it was and make it available to the public," Chris said.

A longtime member of the Colorado Mountain Club, Toll served on the board of its foundation and earned the title by climbing all of the Fourteeners at least two times — once with Chris and once with Connie.

"He loved being with his wife in the outdoors," Chris said. "They were really soulmates."

Family history was important to Toll, his son said.

Toll's grandparents came to Colorado in 1870, and his grandfather was attorney general for the state.

"We always heard about his grandparents and the history of Colorado," Chris said.

Toll, who lived in Golden, is survived by his wife, Connie Hauver; her daughter, Sian Hauver; his sons, Darwin Toll and Chris Toll; his daughter, Marcia Toll; his sister, Marcia Toll Saunders; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned at the Colorado Mountain Club in Golden at 3 p.m. on March

