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E Martin (Marty) Hatcher

Dr. E Martin Hatcher, whose first doctoral thesis was rejected as being too interesting, died December 27, 2023, at the age of 96 at the Senior Care Center in [Gunnison, Colorado](#). E was his full first name. Having a unique name was fitting, as he was an interesting, wonderful man, and loving father and husband. Born in Oklahoma, Marty (no one called him E) moved with his mother, younger brother, and sister to Denver. He served in the Army in Fairbanks Alaska at the end of World War II, waiting for a coded message that never came. Years later, he took a college production of Gigi on a USO tour to entertain the troops.

He met Maxine when both were attending D.U., earning their undergraduate degrees. They were married in 1948 and after graduation, they moved to Gunnison. Marty began his 44 years of teaching speech and drama at Western State College (Western Colorado University). Together, he and Maxine founded a professional dinner theater in Crested Butte. He was also known for the many entertaining speeches he gave at high schools and colleges, within the community, and around the state.

In 1974 Marty turned to a new field when he ran for and was elected to the Colorado State Senate. He served two terms, after which he decided to return home and to Western State to continue teaching speech, drama, and now government. Marty had a sharp mind and was interested in almost everything. He enjoyed playing golf and was a founding member of the Dos Rios Country Club-though he later admitted he rarely kept score.

Marty loved bratwurst, martinis, and cigars, crediting his long life to these. He delighted in rich

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brothers, Ollie, Jr., James, and sister, Jean. He is survived by his three sons and their wives, Martin Winston ([Mardi Crawford), Mark (Pam) and Noel (Sheila), two grandchildren and spouses, Cameron (Susan) and Taylor (Shawn) Gregory, four great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

There will be a private family celebration to honor his life at a later date. In honor of his life, we ask that you consider a donation to Gunnison Valley Health Assisted Living, Gunnison Valley Health Senior Care Center, or [your favorite charity](#).

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