

Robert B Spindle served aboard the  
USS POWER DD 839 from 3/1954 to 11/1955 as LTJG



Robert B Spindle, who passed away peacefully in Denver, Colorado on July 26, 2024.



Born in Fairplay, Colorado, he lived all but eight of his 92 years in Colorado. During those eight years away, he completed his college degree in Cambridge, where he met Ruth Sudhoff, whom he married just before Christmas 1954. They lived in Newport, Rhode Island, for three years while Robert served as a US Navy Communications Officer aboard two Newport-based ships, USS Power and USS Lawe. He left the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. I've attached some pictures from the Powers' Med cruise in 1954. Robert returned to Colorado and served in the Naval Reserve while he began a career in banking and insurance. He shared his enthusiasm for astronomy, classical music, reading, and mountaineering with his family. Over the decades, he was able to devote more time to climbing and

skiing the Colorado Rockies. His first 'real' climb was Bison Peak, one of the many mountains that surround South Park, the vast high plain where he grew up — a landlocked upbringing for a Navy Man! Thirty years later, he had climbed all the highest peaks in Colorado. His last excursion was a solo climb of 12,448 foot Baker Mountain, at age 72. He remained proud of his naval service, and was buried with full military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery.