

## An Uncommon Family Celebration

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On Saturday August 4, 2018 the family celebrated the evening at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder Colorado at the MESA Laboratory which is just below the famous Flatirons. Climbing of these rugged outcroppings by most attending the University cite that moment as one of their most outstanding accomplishments while students at the equally famous school there.

Third day; it was a Zirkelbach gathering sponsored by NCAR's Director who is a relative. Many things were being celebrated and visiting friends and families came from Massachusetts, Washington, and Texas.

The meal was catered, there was an official photographer and a disc Jockey who played the songs selected by the assemblage. It was a great afternoon and evening for all four generations attending, including our seven children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

This was a sunny afternoon; no threat of rain.



NCAR rests on a slant of land overlooking Boulder and the High Plains beyond that city. The envy of every person who would like a million dollar home site, and no neighbor. The facility's areas sit on acres of grass, which this month were just beginning to show ripening seeds. The tall grasses wave in any breeze. And day any night are the playground for animals and birds. Deer and mountain lion are seen regularly, A fraction of the wildlife that call the Flatirons home. A delight to the most famous or casual visitor.

The building dates back to the Post World War II era was designed by E. M Pei. The modern building looks as welcoming as when it was built. Good modern art looks modern throughout the following ages, a test NCAR passes.

NCAR is a jewel in our government in its building. Further for years its employees have been recording the weather of the world. NCAR employs one of the world's large computer with connections to satellites of the world. Their records disclose that our world is warming, and the many rooms have demonstrations of everything that relates to the world's weather. Visiting children are amazed, as are their parents

who may pretend to understand the lurking difficulties indicated by present records.

In our afternoon the tykes ran everywhere, under the protection of the guards on duty, to lighter and and the enjoyment of everyone And the continuing fun, food, games . Further our visit with, food, and games, involved having family members not getting together regularly, the chance to relaxant become more than a relative in this gorgeous building. The generations all at east to be inquiring children. in a classic location a warm Colorado August Sunday afternoon.