



Gary "Kersh" Kershaw

May 28, 2019

Gary (Kersh) Kershaw, 69, passed away on May 28, 2019 at home in hospice care, surrounded by his loved ones.

Kersh was born in Broomall, PA to Russ and Mary Kershaw. He had fond memories of his childhood with his sister Carol, brother Dave, and many life-long friends. After high school graduation, he attended Lehigh University, Penn State, and continued his grad school of forestry at CSU. He soon fell in love with Fort Collins and never left.

He started working at Fort Collins Nursery after graduation, gaining lots of experience and friends. In 1991, he started his own business, Fort Collins Landscaping. His landscaping skills won many awards and recognitions. He is remembered as a perfectionist, with integrity and a kind, compassionate spirit. His laugh and smile will forever be in our memories.

He loved sports, tailgating with his family and friends for CSU football games, Broncos, Colorado Eagles, and the Rockies. He was a balloon pilot, carriage driving competitor, bird watcher, fisherman, boater, and he loved discovering the back roads of America in his RV.

His hobbies kept him busy too – riding his 1970 Shovelhead Harley, restoring his 1930's one-ton Dodge truck, woodworking, welding, gardening at home, and annual trips to NE to watch the crane migration.

Kersh was preceded in death by his father, Russ and mother, Mary. He is survived by his wife, Jolene; children, Vincent (Leah) Kershaw of Fort Collins; Roxanne Kershaw of Menomonie, WI; stepchildren, Matt (Courtney) Hansen, Amy (Dave) Bruning; step-grandchildren, Allison and Daynarae; brother, Dave (Joan) Kershaw; sister, Carol (Geege) Ostroff, of Santa Barbara, CA.

A celebration of his life will be held 5:00-7:00 pm, June 27th at the Gardens on Spring Creek, 2145 Centre Avenue, Fort Collins, CO. Please wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek / Butterfly House.

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Events

JUN **Celebration of Life** 05:00PM - 07:00PM
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Gardens on Spring Creek

2145 Centre Ave, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80526

Comments



“ Gary and I were high school buds at Marple Newtown in PA. We did the usual teenage cruising the streets at night with our gang, quarts of cheap beer on our laps, talking trash, pulling pranks, and bonding in a way that would last for life. After graduation, we weren't in contact for 40 years until I came to Boulder and discovered he was in Fort Fun, as he called it. When we reconnected, I was quickly reminded what a cool guy he was, full of wit, compassion, humility, and smarts. I consider him a high school brother and will miss him dearly. From the gang at Marple and our fellow Shackmates, Vaya con Dios, Onions. See ya on the flip side.



Steve Nepi - June 10 at 02:35 PM



“ Kersh was like a brother to me. We did so much together and sure had fun talking plants and birds. He was my boss at FCN and he taught me so much. He was an amazing man with incredible integrity, ambition and heart. I will miss him so much. Love you Kersh...see you again one day.



Sharon Lockwood - June 06 at 06:19 PM



“ Our three sons all worked for Kersh. Our oldest son was one of his first employees and our middle son worked for 17 years. So many wonderful memories of rving up at Elk Meadows in Estes, Glendo and Grey Rocks, tailgating at Hughes for football games, motorcycle riding with the "gang, New Year's Eve, and too many more fun times to mention. He was a kind, caring, happy and wonderful man and we will miss him terribly. God speed and hope you are riding your Harley and hanging out with Ronnie up there!

The Schmidt Family



“ Kersh was an intelligent, kind, thoughtful, and accomplished person. We too, enjoyed the camping at Elk Meadows, motorcycle rides with "the gang", New Year's Eve celebrations, impromptu potlucks, etc. He was one of a kind! We have a big hole in our hearts. Sending much love to all of Kersh's family! Andy and Andrea

Andrea Lawrence - June 04 at 06:30 PM



“ Kersh and I have known each other for many years. He will be missed. He brought a great sense of humor and honesty to his business. I always tried to sit next to Kersh at contractor meetings. Goodbye old friend.

Jack Fetig - June 03 at 05:57 PM



“ I have known Kersh for over 45 years. Heck, I even knew him when he was skinny. He was my co-worker, my partner, and when he started his own business he was a customer. The whole time I have known Kersh I always thought of him as a jolly and happy guy. He not only laughed a lot, but he also made the people around him laugh.

This brings me to here, a time to reflect and share a story about Kersh. Many years ago we were both selling Christmas trees and one day from a short distance away as I watched him selling trees he had me in stitches. A little background first. All the trees were priced individually and as a matter of fact Kersh may have even put the prices on them. He was holding up 2 trees for a woman that was shopping for the perfect Christmas tree and they were mirror images of one another. They were having a conversation that went something like this.

Woman: Those trees look exactly alike.

Kersh: Yes they do.

Woman: Well how come one is five dollars more than the other one.

Kersh: It's a better tree.

Woman: But they look exactly the same.

Kersh: Maybe you should buy the cheaper one.

Woman: I don't know. She continued to study the 2 trees and ultimately said, if the 2 trees look alike why don't you lower the price on the more expensive one.

Kersh: I can't do that.

Woman: Why?

Kersh: Because it's a better tree.

Woman: What makes it a better tree?

Kersh: It costs five dollars more.

Woman: But you agree the trees look alike.

Kersh: Yes, maybe you should buy the less expensive tree.

Woman: I don't know.

The conversation looped for several more times the whole time Kersh was chuckling

and holding to his sales pitch. To the side, I was about to split a gut. What really capped this story is that the woman bought the more expensive tree.....after all it was a better tree.

Cheers to Kersh for sharing your really great sense of humor not only with me, but to the many people he came in contact with....Gary Epstein

Gary Epstein - June 02 at 09:39 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Kersh's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers and we hope your wonderful memories will help you find peace.
Dean Cilli and Wendy Turner

Dean Cilli - May 31 at 09:43 PM