



Lanny M. Conrad

September 22, 1950 - July 3, 2013

Lanny Marion Conrad, 62, was born to Marion (Cotton) and Norma Conrad on September 22, 1950, in Denver, CO. He was a loving and courageous man who went home to heaven on July 3, 2013, after a lengthy battle with pain and illness.

Lanny grew up in Denver and then attended CSU, eventually making his home in Fort Collins. He worked for the Division of Wildlife and later for The Coloradoan.

Lanny loved the mountains, music, baseball, and working with young people. He was an avid backpacker and fisherman and fought for many environmental causes. He felt most at peace when hiking to a high mountain lake where he would enjoy the solitude and beauty of nature. He had a rich bass voice and loved to sing, often making up silly songs to entertain his children and grandchildren. He also sang with his church choir and an ensemble called Common Bond. He coached Little League Baseball and Softball, first for his own children and later, for other children. It was his belief that baseball was more about learning to be a decent person than about winning, and he patiently and gently instilled high standards in the many young people whose lives he touched through coaching. With his wife, Lanny took numerous international trips with junior high and high school students; and he opened the world to these teenagers through his unique and insightful observations of various cultures. He was a favorite chaperone because of his willingness to “let go” and be silly and have fun. Even more than these activities, however, Lanny loved his family. He married his wife, Colleen, on November 17, 1990, and immediately embraced her four children, making them his own. He was overjoyed when grandchildren were added to the family and would often “disappear” from the adult conversations to settle on the floor and play with his grandchildren. He brought laughter and a sense of balance to Colleen’s life; and he was the best grandpa, investing in his grandchildren’s lives with enthusiasm and fierce devotion. He shared a similar commitment to his father, Cotton, during Cotton’s final months and had continued to care for his mother, Norma, after his father’s passing. Those who knew and loved Lanny will remember him for his lively sense of humor and his complete devotion to his family.

Lanny was preceded in death by his father, Cotton Conrad. He leaves behind his beloved wife and best friend, Colleen; his children, Jason Conrad, Heather Pulley (husband Mike), Kyle Larson (wife Lisa), Kirk Larson (wife Jamie), and Halley Smith (husband Joseph), as

well as his 8 treasured grandchildren: Madison, Emma, Max, Sophia, Ethan, Alivia, Liam, and Maya; his mother, Norma Conrad, and sister, Karen Winslow (husband Steve) and 3 nephews (Matthew, Marshall, and Mark) and their families.

A memorial service will be held at Timberline Church on Tuesday, July 9, at 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lanny's name to Fort Collins Rescue Mission (in care of Heather Pulley), 316 Jefferson St, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Comments



“ Dear Colleen and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Lanny's passing away. I remember his sweet sweet spirit. Praying God will bring you great comfort and peace. Thanking God for Lanny's life and the joy he brought to his family. May your loving memories of him give you strength to go. In Jesus Love, Doug and Mary Streed

Doug and mary Streed - July 08, 2013 at 01:12 PM



“ Dearest Colleen, We are all certainly praying that God will give you and your family strength through this difficult time. We love you, Kathy and Virgil Hobbs

Kathy Hobbs - July 08, 2013 at 12:09 PM



“ Colleen and family we were sorry to hear about Lanny. Will be praying for you all at this difficult time. Alan and Laura (Lusk) Paul

Laura Paul - July 08, 2013 at 12:01 PM



“ I will miss Lanny, the father of my son Jason. Jason and I will miss his wacky sense of humor and his love of the environment, especially high hidden mountain lakes that were always named Lost Lake. He never believed in trails and loved to hike cross-country. Lanny was blessed with a wonderful second family and for that I am so grateful.

Blessings,
Laurel



Laurel Hageseth - July 08, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ Colleen and Family,
We offer our sincere condolence on the loss of your husband and father, Lanny. We have been blessed to have known him and we wish God's comfort and peace for you today.
Ken and Shirley Vander Wall

Ken and Shirley Vander Wall - July 08, 2013 at 08:19 AM



“ Lou Grit lit a candle in memory of Lanny M. Conrad



Lou Grit - July 07, 2013 at 09:14 PM



“ Colleen,

My prayers are with you and your family. Lanny was always nice to me at Lincoln.
God Bless,
Jorge Perez

Jorge Perez - July 07, 2013 at 04:08 PM



“ With much sympathy,

Margaret Lam

Margaret Lam - July 07, 2013 at 02:46 PM



“ Wendy Cohen lit a candle in memory of Lanny M. Conrad



Wendy Cohen - July 07, 2013 at 07:40 AM



“ I am so Sorry Colleen.. hugs

Wendy Cohen - July 07, 2013 at 07:41 AM