



Mike Swartz

July 13, 2018

Richard Michael (Mike) Swartz died of complications of lupus on July 13, 2018 after seventeen weeks at Anschutz Medical Center in Denver.

Mike was born on November 30, 1947 in Hamilton, Ohio. He moved to Fort Collins with his parents in 1956, when he was nine years old, and attended Washington grade school, Lincoln Middle School, and Fort Collins High School.

He attended CSU, then went to work for Woodward Governor. After a few years, he installed dry wall in Aspen.

He returned to Fort Collins and worked as a software consultant at Woodward Governor for twenty-eight more years and at Ccreate and PTC. He retired in 2016.

Motorcycles were his passion and he enjoyed rallying with Honda riders for long-distance trips. He was also an avid gourmet cook.

He married Peggy Hudson on August 22, 1998.

Surviving relatives include Peggy, his parents, Howard and Betty Swartz, a son, Robert Swartz and grandson, Baron, all of Fort Collins. Also Alana Waldo (daughter) and son-in-law Mike Waldo, grandchildren Cameron and Emilia of Alma, NE.

In lieu of flowers, friends are encouraged to donate by cash or check only to Mike Swartz Memorial fund at First National Bank, 155 E. Boardwalk Drive, Fort Collins 80522 Attn: Beth Hile. Or contributions may be made electronically at www.gofundme.com/mike-swartz-memorial. This will be to assist with medical expenses, many of which were not covered by insurance.

A celebration of Mike's life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 531 S. College Ave. in Fort Collins on August 26, 3 p.m.

Comments



“ I first met Mike when he and Peggy lived down the street from us on Rochelle Circle. Mike was also friends with my engine builder Buck Rutledge and we all often visited together at the MRA races. One afternoon I was in my garage and Mike stopped by on his Blackbird so I could validate his time. It seems he'd been doing his own IronButt ride and had just completed (I think) 1000 miles in 24 hours. He was covered with bugs!

I'm really going to miss Mike's dry humor and his contagious laugh.

Jim Brewer - August 05, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ I first met Mike when he worked at Woodward and worked directly with him at CoCreate. The news of his passing stopped the world for just a moment. He is one of those that will be deeply missed.

Steve Moore - August 03, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ I have known Mike for more years than I can count. I first met him when he worked for the grocery store at Mulberry and College. We we're car fanatics and a bit of street racers. Mike had a '55 Chevrolet that was a beautiful car, and, fast. However, the State didn't like some of the things Mike did, so they suspended his license for a while. His father also put his 55 up for sale, and, needless to say, I bought it. Mike continued to help work on the car with me for all the time that I owned it. We later drifted apart and then came back together through the Elks organization. Mike was a great friend and I will truly miss him. Rest in peace Mike. One day we will do some racing again!

Andy Miller - August 03, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ Mike was a great guy who was always a pleasure and inspiration to be around. We met through our passion for motorcycles and rode together many times over the years. He will be missed.

God Speed Mike. Until we ride again my friend.

Jeff - August 03, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ I only knew Mike from the CBR1100XX owners group from years ago, but wanted to pass along my condolences to the family. There was an amazing sense of share spirit among the guys who chose to buy and ride that particular model of motorcycle and we all felt a connection even with the guys we hadn't met at group rides/meets. Sending thoughts and prayers from New Berlin, Wisconsin! RIP RodeRash

-Nik Clark

Nik Clark - July 31, 2018 at 01:34 PM



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Philip (RXX) - July 29, 2018 at 07:49 AM