



## Ralph Henderson

July 11, 1942 - May 2, 2011

Ralph Henderson, 68, of Fort Collins, CO, died May 2, 2011, at his home. Recitation of the Rosary and a Vigil service will be held beginning 7:00 pm Friday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11:00 am Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. Interment, following the mass, will be in Grandview Cemetery. Ralph Ivan Henderson was born July 11, 1942, in Craig, CO to David and Evelyn Henderson. On August 19, 1961, Ralph married Marlene Rutherford at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Craig. The couple moved to Ft. Collins where he graduated from CSU with a degree in Industrial Construction Management. He continued his education at the University of Colorado in Boulder where he received a degree in Architecture. After his schooling, Ralph and his family moved back to Craig. There he designed and built a beautiful home for his growing family. While living in Craig, he owned an Architectural firm and served as a City Councilman. In 1990, they moved to Fort Collins. He designed and with Marlene and their son Todd built their dream summer home on Grand Lake - a true source of pride for him. Celebrating the Fourth of July with his family at the lake became a tradition that Ralph looked forward to every year. Ralph enjoyed being outdoors from an early age. Throughout his life, he loved traveling, sailing, scuba diving, and being near water. Ralph is survived by his wife, Marlene, four children: Michele (and husband, Craig) VanWagner of Chino, CA, David Sean (and wife, Laurie) Henderson of Cameron Park, CA, Monique (and husband, Duane) Tudahl of Van Nuys, CA and Todd (and wife, Beth) Henderson of Ft. Collins, his mother, Evelyn Henderson of Mesa, AZ, two brothers: Ken Henderson of Richfield, UT, and Gerald Henderson of Mesa, AZ, five grandchildren: Michelle Tuntland, Nicole, Alex, and Carmen Henderson and Zoe Tudahl, and two great-grandchildren: Owen and Ellie Tuntland. He was preceded in death by his father, David and a brother, Wayne.

# Comments

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“ Dear Marlene and Family,

So sorry to hear about Ralph. He was a very sweet man and I know he loved you all very much.

love,  
monica

**Monica Rutherford** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Miss Marlene and the entire Henderson family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss and know that Ralph will be greatly missed. There was hardly a time that I would take my boys and not see both of you there to warmly greet us. When back in FC just a few years back I had to drop off my youngest Grace for a few days just to have the Henderson experience. What a gentle man with such a kind spirit. My heart breaks for what all of you are going through. My prayers will be with you all. Sincerely,  
Christy

**Christy Cole** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marlene and family,  
So sorry to hear about Uncle Ralph! I remember one of the times when you visited us in Mesa and Ralph fixed a hole in our wall behind the front door. It seemed he was always helping when you would visit. My heart is heavy over your loss.

**Tiffany Anderson** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Henderson Family, I would like to extend a heartfelt blessing to all of you. When ever we have memories of when Emma was a child, we cant help but bring up Miss Marlene and Ralph. Seems he was always behind the scenes helping and doing for the kids. I am so saddened by his passing and for all of you that loves him so dearly and will miss him so much. Prayers and Gods strength be with you all at this difficult time..

**Mary Cole** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marlene and family,  
I am so sorry to here of your loss. Ralph was such a pleasant guy to be around, always helpful.  
I know you will miss him greatly and have many precious memories.

**Stacey (Chapman) Armstrong** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Marilyn & Fam. We sorry about the decesed Of Ralph . Love & Prayers Maria & Frankie Reina

**Maria & Frankie Reina** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ While I have not been close to Ralph and Marlene in the past years, I remember him as a very nice, very intelligent man. He willed be missed, and my prayers go out to Marlene and his family.

**Sandra Kolbaba Seip** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marlene & Family, so sorry to learn about Ralph. My thoughts and prayers are will you all. You were a wonderful couple.

**Marne Stoffel** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU MARLENE AND TO YOUR FAMILY. WE HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF RALPH. OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

**ROGER & LUANN LITTLE** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marlene and family,  
So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. I remember Garry's family speaking of the Henderson boys and the Winslow boys growing up together.  
Please express my condolences to Evelyn.

Bobbie Winslow

**Bobbie Winslow Jackson** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Henderson Family,  
I would like to express my deepest sympathy at this tough time. I always remember both Ralph and Marlene with admiration. I remember staying at their home in Ft Collins, with Gerald on a student council trip. Ralph was going to college at that time. The thing that I remember most, was the warm feeling I got and the respect and admiration that never left me for both Ralph and Marlene. It was an unknown something that stuck with me to this day. I was not close or even in remote contact with Ralph and Marlene, but I have never forgotten the impression made on me as a teenager. I am truly sorry for your loss.

**Tom Shockley** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Henderson Family,

I received a message from my parents this evening informing me about the loss of Ralph. I'm so sorry that we cannot be at the service tomorrow. Your family will be in our families thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

The Franz Family

**Derek Franz** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Marlene and family,

I'm wishing you strenght and healiing in this time of loss and heartache.  
Take care of yourself and God bless.

**Lona P. Ryan** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Our hearts and prayers are with you!

**Julie Adamek-Winters** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Henderson Family,  
I will be praying for you all and hoping your broken hearts will heal with sweet memories and love...God Bless!

**Jenny (Hathorn) Criswell** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ralph was a great friend and neighbor for 20 years in Grand Lake. We marveled at their energy and inventiveness in building their Grand Lake home on a difficult construction site.

Ralph was always ready with a smile and an invitation to join them in their beautiful new home for a cup of coffee or something stronger (depending on time of day). A dinner at their home was something to be cherished to savor one of Marlene's gourmet meals.

We regret that Ralph is no longer with us to continue to enjoy the halcyon days in Grand Lake.

With love,  
Art and Gerre Shenkin

**Art and Gerre Shenkin** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We just now heard about it. Ralph was such a kind man, he will be greatly missed. Our hearts goes out to Marlene and family.

**Sheri & Jennifer Hofeling** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Ralph when he brought Monique to Sunset to meet me before beginning first grade. I was a new teacher back then and Ralph made sure Monique felt comfortable beginning first grade. He wasn't in a hurry to meet me and then get out as fast as he could. I have fond memories of that day and meeting Ralph and Monique. He will be missed.

**Kristen Bye** - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM