



## Don Milligan

June 9, 2021

Don Milligan, 72, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away in his home surrounded by his family on June 9, 2021, following a long battle with cancer. Don was born September 14, 1948, in Valentine, Nebraska, to Jack and Geraldine J. (Jerri) Milligan. In 1961, he moved to Chadron, Nebraska with his family, and later graduated from Chadron High School in 1966.

On December 1, 1969, the first birthdate drawn for the Vietnam draft lottery was Don's birthdate, September 14th. Upon entering the draft, Don served in the 129th Assault Helicopter Company as a door gunner. He received The Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force.

Don met the love of his life, Susan Kamm, and they were married on September 1, 1973 at the Oval of Colorado State University. Don and Susan settled in Fort Collins and went on to have three children, daughters Heather, and Robin, and son, Casey.

Don earned his degree in Business from Chadron State College. His dedication and hard work ethic helped him build, own, and operate Milligan's Masonry for over 30 years.

Don had a passion for horses and ranching, and enjoyed team roping and working cows. Don also had a love for the mountains of Colorado, which ultimately drew him to settle there. He spent many wonderful years of camping and hunting with family and friends.

Don was a loyal friend to many as well as an amazing husband, father and

Papa. He is survived by his children, Heather Milligan, of Los Angeles, California; Casey Milligan of Loveland, Colorado; Robin Pantusa and husband Rich Pantusa of Colorado Springs, Colorado; grandchildren Aubrey, Lauren and Hunter Pantusa of Colorado Springs, Colorado; mother Jerri Milligan of Chadron, Nebraska; and sister Brenda Dexter of Chadron, Nebraska. He is preceded in death by his wife, Susan Milligan, and father Jack Milligan. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, June 25, 2021 at 4:30 pm at The Big Red Barn at 6850 Crystal Downs Drive, in Windsor, Colorado. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cancer Center of the Rockies.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **25**. 4:30 PM (MT)

The Big Red Barn at Highland in Windsor  
6850 Crystal Downs Dr/  
Windsor, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Milligan*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I met and worked for Don in 1993. In 1994 we became business partners. That was the best business decision I ever made. Don's work was top quality and that made me better too. What stands out for me as well was his honesty and that too made an impression on me. I can say he was one of the most honest people I have ever met. Our business relationship lasted for over 20 years and our friendship never ended. He will be missed.*

**Joe Hartman** - June 23, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Don was like a second dad growing up. He taught me more than I could ever list. Such an amazing and great man!*

**Lance Walker** - June 15, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ *I never had any siblings. Don was like a brother to me. Very sincere friend and was always available to talk to. We had many good years hunting in the mountains!!!*

**Dennis Hoefer** - June 14, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *Don was always very respectful to everyone and especially to his horses !! All of the memories won't be for forgotten!! A Cowboy true to heart ❤️*

**Jerry Turman** - June 11, 2021 at 03:39 PM