



Dr. Richard L. Codd

December 1, 2023

Richard Lee Codd, known by most as Doctor Codd, as Dick by his extended family and friends, as Dad by his children and affectionately known as Poppy by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, passed away on December 1, 2023, after a long and honorable life.

Dick was born in Colfax, Washington on March 5, 1928. The fourth of six boys, he spent his early years working on the family wheat farm and became a “local legend” in the Palouse region playing basketball. He went to Gonzaga University on a basketball scholarship where he played point guard for the Gonzaga Bulldogs, a basketball program he followed with dedication for the rest of his life. After completing his pre-med studies at Gonzaga, he received his medical degree from Creighton University. It is there that he literally bumped into a young nurse named Donna Pudwill who had to fish him out of a strategically located laundry cart. He and Donna eventually married on September 30, 1952, and they were together until her death on April 11, 2012.

Dick completed his internship at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Denver and then reported to Long Beach, California, to complete his obligation to the U.S. Navy. He served as Lieutenant (MC) on the USS Norton Sound from 1954-1956. In 1956, he and Donna chose Fort Collins to call their new home and begin his medical practice alongside 11 respected colleagues serving the community at that time. He was a family practice physician for 40 years until

his retirement in 1995. During those years he was fully dedicated to his practice and to the care of his patients. He served as Chief of Staff for Poudre Valley Hospital but humbly claimed he was not voted in, just assigned due to a lack of willing candidates who had not already served their time. He loved being a doctor in Ft. Collins and continued to share his medical knowledge even throughout his most recent hospital stays. He often caught his care team off guard while self-diagnosing his condition and recommending his treatment plan in medical terms that only those experienced in the field could understand. Although it is said that doctors make the worst patients, he rarely missed the chance to credit a caregiver with “I think you have done this before” or a simple “Good Job” compliment.

Dick and Donna raised a family of six children: Mike, Tim, Jeff, Cynthia, Tom, and an adopted daughter, Mary Alice. They grew up in St. Joseph Catholic Parish and attended St. Joseph Catholic School. At one time, Dick used his basketball knowledge to coach St. Joseph’s and various Fort Collins Parks and Recreation boy basketball teams.

Then his competitive spirit and love of sports turned to golf. He spent many happy hours on the golf course fostering friendships, fine tuning his short game and mastering the bunkers. With his low handicap and high integrity, he was the guy to have in your foursome in any scramble format tournament on a golf course or in life.

Dick had a passion for small birds and gardening. He loved grooming the landscape of his home and those of others. As the master gardener of the family, he was a wealth of information. He became quite proficient at identifying and caring for native plants, including those in the mountains on his property in Summit County. Any available open space or empty flowerpot was soon planted with either of his two favorites, Autumn Joy Sedum or Karl Foerster Grass. “They were low maintenance and beautiful all year long”.

Dick is predeceased by his five brothers, Alan, Russell, John, Dan and Paul. He is also predeceased by his wife Donna Codd (2012), his son Tim (2015), daughter Mary Alice (2009) and grandson Jacob Kientz (2020). He is survived by his children, Mike (Nancee) of Fort Collins, Jane (daughter-in-law) of RSM, CA., Jeff (Gloria) of Sugarland, Texas, Cynthia Wooldridge (Dave) of Fort Collins, Tom (Tanya) of Carlsbad, CA., 19 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

A special thanks to all of the medical professionals that cared for him, especially Kathy and Ivan of Home Instead and Crissy of Pathways.

In his last years, as family and friends said goodbye after visits, he would often say, "I love you. When will I see you again?" or "stop by anytime, I will be here."

We love you too, Dad, Poppy, Dick, Dr. Codd. We will miss you; we are here for you as you were always there for us, and we look forward to seeing you again.

Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Dick's Eulogy and Memorial Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at St Joseph Catholic Church. Celebration of Life reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fort Collins. Interment will be held privately for family.

Donations in Dick's name may be made to St. Joseph School, through Goes Funeral Care (3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524)

Previous Events

Recitation of the Rosary

MAR 12. 6:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Memorial Mass

MAR 13. 9:00 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Reception

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (MT)

Knights of Columbus Council 1214
121 N Meldrum Street
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

CL

“ So sorry to hear about Dr Codd, a real gentle man. I enjoyed visiting with him about gardening and carpentry when doing extensive work on their beautiful home. Donna (Mrs Codd!) and Dr Codd became my favorite clients and friends over the years. Both lovely people that I will miss. Regards to all the Codd family.
Chuck Lloyd

Chuck. Lloyd - March 21, 2024 at 01:33 AM

PS

“ To the Codd family- I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. As a native of Fort Collins, I can tell you how well loved he was by all of us as a doctor, friend and neighbor. My parents and your parents were good friends for many years. His kindness was always his best medicine. Your family will always be remembered as part of the strength of Fort Collins.

Pam Swerer - March 14, 2024 at 10:49 AM

CO

“ I have only the fondest memories of Dr. Codd and Donna and the wonderful family they created together. Growing up within a well-hit driver's distance of the Codd's, I could always count on them if I got locked out of the house or needed help, which happened on occasion. Much love and condolences to the entirety of the Codd clan.

Carl Oesterle

Carl Oesterle - March 13, 2024 at 04:30 PM

SJ

“ Dr. Dodd was one of my favorite persons, our family loved him as a Dr. and good friend. Sorry to hear of his passing. We have lots of fond memories of the Codd family. We regret we can't come to his service, neither of us can get about much this spring. We will pray for you all at this time. GOD BLESS.
LOVE REN, Sharon, Kirk, Calie, Kristy Jensen

Sharon Jensen - March 12, 2024 at 07:22 PM

DT

“ Our family doctor for many years and a great one at that. A tribute to the medical profession and a wonderful person as well. Truly one of the class acts to grace Fort Collins.
David Teumer

David Teumer - March 05, 2024 at 08:36 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathies. What a great man.

Joe Wise - January 11, 2024 at 06:49 PM

DB

“ Mike and family -- Faith and your father's remarkable legacy will stand you well. You have my love, in the Bonds, Mike.

Dave Brown - December 27, 2023 at 07:07 PM

JG

“ Dr. Codd brought me into this world many years ago. In my teens he overseen a much needed surgery when he really didn't need to. His face was the first thing in seen when I woke up. His gentle demeanor and assuring words were comforting as I awaited the arrival of my mom. It's nice to read all the kind words. He was loved by many and will be missed by many more.

Joe Glass - December 27, 2023 at 09:20 AM

AS

“ Dr Codd was our family doctor when I was a young girl 50 years ago. Many visits to his office, mostly because of strep. He had an amazing gentle bedside manner. Many years later at a clinic I worked at, he recognized me. I hadn't seen him in 30 years, but he called me by my name, first and last (maiden). What an amazing family life. So glad our family got to know him. Go plant new gardens with your beloved Donna. Thank you Codd family for an amazing tribute.

Amy Jo Skinner - December 24, 2023 at 02:06 PM

BG

“ To Mike, Nancee and the Codd family, we are so sorry for the loss of Dr. Codd.

Barb and Dennis Gardner - December 24, 2023 at 09:45 AM

AA

“ Dr Codd was are family Dr and friend rest in peace The Rodriguez girls Martha, Alva,Edna,Ida

Alva Arredondo - December 20, 2023 at 06:26 AM

MF

“ *What a beautiful tribute for a life well lived. In my nursing career here in Fort Collins our paths crossed a few times. A dedicated Doctor to his patients. Now neighbors to his son Mike and Family. Mary and John Farrell*

Mary Farrell - December 19, 2023 at 07:02 PM