



Joseph M. Yadlowsky

March 7, 2025

Joseph M. Yadlowsky passed away peacefully in Fort Collins, CO, at age 83 on March 7, 2025. The son of John and Anna Yadlowsky, Joe was born on June 28, 1941, in Johnson City, New York. Joe's parents, Eastern European immigrants, reared the family in the traditions of the small Russian Orthodox community. Joe graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Buffalo, where he met his wife, Peggy. The two traveled extensively throughout Central and South America, at one point staying in Costa Rica so Joe could hunt sea snakes in the Pacific. He became an authority on snake venom, even being contacted by a coroner from California for help on a case. While pursuing his graduate degree in biochemistry, Joe published an article in the periodical *Forensic Medicine*.

Joe followed his brother Edward to Colorado in 1974 and later became a Deputy Sheriff in Larimer County, where he served for 21 years. He became known in the sheriff's office for his habit of constantly sketching. Joe drew pictures on everything he could get his hands on, frequently sketching on cups that he then gave to the inmates.

Art was Joe's greatest passion. He was an excellent watercolorist, winning numerous awards in both New York and Colorado. Joe especially loved painting "landscapes and critters." He was a member of the Colorado Artist's Association, and his work can be seen all over the country. Also a talented

photographer, Joe captured memories from his extensive globetrotting in beautiful images.

A lifelong member of the Orthodox Church, Joe sang in church choirs for over 30 years. Joe and Peggy traveled with Orthodox choir members from all over the United States to Russia, where the group sang in churches in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev, and Tbilisi.

Joe and Peggy also took trips to England; to Italy, where they visited Peggy's grandfather's village; and to France, where the food was delicious and the mushrooms the size of dinner plates. They enjoyed attending the wedding of their niece Christine in Scotland. Their most recent trip was a tour of Eastern Europe that included visits to Hungary, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, Vienna, and Slovakia. Everywhere Joe traveled, he went to every art museum he could find, always purchasing books to bring home. He used every voyage as inspiration for his artwork.

Joe stayed active and never stopped learning. He filled his days riding his recumbent tricycle, practicing yoga, studying history, and learning Chinese. He enjoyed hunting for elk in the mountains and learning more about the American West. In recent years Joe learned to ride horses at Hearts & Horses in Loveland, making him feel at last like a true westerner.

Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Peggy, and his brother, Edward Yadlowsky.

Funeral services will be held March 17, 2025, at 11am at St. James Orthodox Church in Fort Collins, CO. Internment will immediately follow at Mountain View Memorial Park in Cheyenne, WY. In lieu of flowers, please send gifts to St. James Orthodox Church or Hearts & Horses Therapeutic Riding Center.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park

Cheyenne, WY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

St James Orthodox Church
2610 SE Frontage Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall

NB

“ We remember Joe & Peggy from St. James. This photo should bring back some memories. Our Condolences to you, Peggy. The Berrong Family



Nicolas Berrong - March 22, 2025 at 04:03 PM

GA

I'm so sorry to hear about passing my old friend Joseph by correspondence. I was trying to renew our friendship by searching Joseph in social media but in vain. I tried facebook, Instagram but didn't find anything about Joe. I'm from Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia. I'm really very sad now after finding this funeral info. I'll be happy to hear from Joe's family members, his son and daughter. My instagram is the following: georgeakhvlediani7

George Akhvlediani - June 20, 2025 at 02:36 AM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about Joe. He was a great guy and will be missed.

Jim Addleman - March 17, 2025 at 04:21 PM

PS

“ With joy we celebrate the life of my second big brother (by marriage) who would mentor and encourage me to capture nature on paper. My sister was blessed with a devoted and loving husband. She returned that devotion and love an inspiration for all. Such love is eternal. Patty

Patty Szabo - March 16, 2025 at 06:40 PM

SW

“ We worked with Joe at the Sheriffs Department for many years. I have a water color he did of an elk on the mountain side. Still love his art work. Enjoyed meeting Peggy and Joe at their home, they were very welcoming and warm. We had many a deep conversation on night shifts as well as laughter. God bless. Bob and Sara Boots Whitfield

Sara and Bob Whitfield - March 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM