



## Michael Hamill

March 29, 1953 - July 2, 2012

Michael "Mike" Andrew Hamill, age 59, of Fort Collins, Colorado died July 2, 2012 at Hospice of Northern Colorado surrounded by people who loved him. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on August 11, 2012 at 10 am at Peace With Christ Lutheran Church, 1412 Swallow Road, Fort Collins, Colorado. Mike Hamill, the third of seven children, was born March 29, 1953 in Colby, Kansas to Virgil R. (Rusty) and Marjorie (Condon) Hamill. He graduated from Colby High School in 1971, though he spent most of his life and attended schools in Ft. Collins. He was employed for over 30 years by various road construction businesses including McMurry Brothers, Lafarge, Western Mobile and Aggregate Industries. He is survived by his son, John Wayne Hamill (Ft. Collins) and siblings: Barbara Ann Rodman of Denton, TX; Albert (and Linda) Ahuna-Hamill of Ft. Collins; Glenna (and Jay ) Beyer of Lubbock, TX; Keith "K.C." (and Mollie) Hamill of Amarillo, TX; Kevin (and Penny) Hamill of Ft. Collins; and Amy (and Brad) Hoy of Ft. Collins. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews: Sarah Oglesby Dunegan; Thomas and Lory Hamill and Kyla Ahuna; Audrey Walker and Jacob Beyer; Colby, Kaylee, Ryley, and Daegen Hamill; Killian and Kirby Hamill; and Claire and Libby Hoy. Those who will mourn his passing also include beloved cousins and devoted friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents and by a niece, Maggie Hamill. Mike worked in highway construction on roads in rain, snow, and sunshine all over Colorado and Wyoming. Mike enjoyed being the straight man in a practical joke and had a laugh that could be mistaken for

a sinister giggle at times. A lifetime fan of the Bronco's and the Rockies he enjoyed watching them with family and friends. A cowboy since he could walk, he was kind to children, courteous to women, fair to men, pulled more than his share, bore his burdens without complaint, and loved animals, especially his loyal dogs, Phred and Sandy and a high maintenance cat, Hannah. He had affection for westerns and good chili, and was known for his tasty Deviled Eggs which he always brought to family dinners. Weekends were spent on the golf course with his brothers and dad. No matter why, when or where you needed help, Mike would be the first one there to lend a hand. He will be remembered for his quick wit, his devotion to his son, parents, siblings, and his nieces and nephews. He earned his rest and will be missed greatly and fondly remembered by those whose lives he touched by the examples he set in deeds and a few well-chosen words. The family thanks Dr. Patty Mayer and the staff at Hospice of Northern Colorado for the loving and dignified care they gave Mike. Memorial contributions can be sent to Hospice at: 2726 W. 11th Street Road, Greeley, CO 80634.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Hamill*

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“ *Such good men are a loss to the entire world. I'm so sorry that he could not be with family and friends a few more years. How you must miss him already. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

**Jackie Gibbons** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We have known the Hamill Family since 1969 when we moved to Ft. Collins and lived down the street from them, Rusty sent a fruit basket to us inviting us to have Thanksgiving with the Hamills , We did and every Thanksgiving after that as long as we lived in Colo. Such a wonderful loving, caring family, Each member of my family cherish the times spent with the Hamill's, we often talk of the good times we all had, thanksging, christmas, birthdays and camping, wonderful times great memiories Jackie, Kathy & I look forward to seeing all of you on th e 11th of aug our love and prayers are with each of you. Love, Pat , Kathy, Connie & Jackie*

**Pat Lawson** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I want to express my sincere condolences to the Hamill family over the passing of Mike. I knew Mike for many years as a classmate, co-worker and friend. On more than one occasion I need to tell you that his dogged determination on our construction projects we built together kept many subcontractors in line and made my job easier. More than anything I will always remember his sense of humor. I always ran into Mike at the local Safeway store as we lived close together. On one occasion, after Mike had become ill, I ran into him at the store and asked him how he was doing. Mike's reply, as only he could say was, "well they havn't ordered a box for me yet". Mike, may you rest in peace .

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**Tom Dreiling** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Mike was a great person. He would take on any task asked of him when we worked together, no matter where the job was, and would give a 110% effort with no complaints. Although we went to different companies a few years back, I was still able to call Mike on a specific issue on a job and he would take the time to talk with me and share his views. My deepest condolences and thoughts to Mike's family. He will be missed.

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**Bill Schrader** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ To The Hamill Family,

So sorry for the lose of one of your family members. Chan used to talk a lot about Mike.

*Ernie Solano Brown*

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**Ernie Solano Brown** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was saddened to hear of Mike's passing. I still have fond memories of visiting Fort Collins years ago with grandpa and grandma Condon. I wish we could have stayed closer over the years.

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**Charles J. Bischof** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb and family, Thinking of you all during this time.

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July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mike was a great guy and a good friend who will be sorely missed by us all.

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**Conrad Walters** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ This world is a better place because Mike was a part of it.

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**Deb Gordon Bender** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Mike had a great sense of humor, one of a kind. He was a true friend.  
I will miss him dearly.

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**Janet Jensen Bailey** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Mike's obituary captured him perfectly. I always enjoyed Mike and his sense of humor and his kind and caring nature. The world is not a better place without him, but he has gone to a much, much better place. I look forward to catching up with him some day.

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**Frank Brown** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Mike was more like a brother than a cousin. He lived with us in Colby our senior year and one of my fondest memories was cleaning the "shop", Colby Tire and Battery, once a week for \$5.00 a piece then "dragging Main" and smoking cigarettes afterward. I also cherish all the childhood memories of visiting the "Colorado Hamills" while on the many family vacations in the Mountains. One of my favorite things about the cousins coming to Kansas for a visit was the parents parking a car at the Drive-In theatre with all of us packed inside and one of the older, "responsible" cousins left in charge! He had a huge heart and small ego. You could talk to him about whatever was on your mind. Another close cousin, Marcella Brenn, and I visited Mike in February of 2011 while he was recovering from his first chemo treatment and I found it funny and very endearing that he said he was addicted to "Gunsmoke" reruns. He was a gem and definately one in a million. Guys like Mike don't come along that often so I mourn his passing and our loss but celebrate that he is "Home" with Jesus and all the family and loved ones that went before him. Hope they are having a real "wing-ding" of a reunion! My heart goes out to all of his beloved siblings and son John wayne. He loved you all more than life itself. Ditto to you Mike!

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**Anne (Hamill) Dreiling** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mike will be missed very much for so many different reasons. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Hamill family. This poem helped me when I lost my sister...I hope it brings some comfort to you...

*God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be..*

*So he put his arms around him and whispered  
"Come be with Me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched him suffer  
And saw him fade away.*

*Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.*

*A Golden Heart stopped beating,  
Hard Working hands to rest,*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us.*

*HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST!!!*

*Rest in peace Mikey....*

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**MARI** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ There were many things I came to appreciate about Mike. He loved with his whole heart and laughed with his whole body. When he thought a joke (usually his own) was funny, his "Jaba the Hut" chortle was utterly contagious. His sense of humor and sense of other people enabled hiim to pick out the perfect gift for anyone. And he was often impressed with his own cleverness. He found a way to recognize the best in a situation. KMart wasn't a failing business, it simply had an abundance of close-in parking. He even believed for a time that he could beat the cancer, and his family and friends wanted to believe that as well. I feel fortunate that I was able to know Mike. I loved him and will miss him in my life.

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Linda - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dear Cousins,  
So sorry for your loss, it has been a very difficult year for you all and my heart and prayers go out to you. Mike was such a special, caring and pretty funny guy, life will not be as good without him. We are planning on attending the memorial service in August. Till Then,  
Love and blessings

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Sue Kistler - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ The first thing that I recall was Mike seemed to always be smiling. Little things did not seem to bother him. I spent several months living at Rusty and Marge's home and Mike always treated me as family and a friend. When we went out, Mike always had my back and I felt safe no matter where we went. Due to our career paths is was difficult to get together but I always felt that if I needed him he would be there. Mike, I will miss you as will all of your family and friends.

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Patrick Bischof - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *What I wished I had said at your memorial service: I remember the night your son was born. It was in the days before cell phones and knowing if you were having boy or girl before they born. I was living in Fort Collins at 801 Remington Street to be exact. The phone rang late at night and I was already asleep. I am not sure if I answered it or if I was called out to the dining room by a roommate. But when I got to the phone, you were on the other end so excited to tell me all about your new baby boy. I finally got to ask "What did you name him?" The proud words "John Wayne Hamill" came back to me. And I said "What???" You repeated it and from that moment on your son has been forever to me more than a John, he was always John Wayne. I never asked Sharon if she was in agreement on the name selection; there really was no choice to make for you. One of my favorite pictures of Mike, is the one with a three or four year old John Wayne holding a little stuffed animal and Mike looking up at him. The expression of love on your face when the camera caught this father and son together, shows the same love you had for your son when you were lying in the hospice bed and John was by your side caring for his father*

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**Glenna** - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM