



Michael Moxcey

September 25, 2021

Mike Moxcey, 65, of Fort Collins, CO, passed away September 25, 2021. Mike was born December 15, 1955, to Bob and Dot (Misenor) Moxcey in Illinois. Six days after being born, his family moved all over the U.S. due to his father's job in the military. They finally settled in Homestead, FL, where he grew up. After high school, despite a natural talent and love for math, Mike turned down a scholarship to MIT to hitchhike around the U.S. to play music and explore. While working in Denver, he met Carol Sears. They settled in Fort Collins in 1987. While Mike worked as a computer programmer, his main passion was music, primarily the banjo. He played with countless musicians over the years, mentored many, designed and performed music programs for elementary schools, and played in many bands, the most recent being the Weirdgrass Band. Any given Wednesday, over the past 20 years, friends could find Mike at Avo's bluegrass jam in Fort Collins or the Swing Station open mic in Laporte. Mike also continued his passion for math in his free time. He was currently writing a paper on how the theory of completeness explains emergent properties of the universe. Mike was a wonderful husband and father, always supportive of his kids' interests and career exploration.

Mike is survived by his mother, Dot Moxcey, of Homestead, FL, wife Carol of Fort Collins, CO, daughter Karen (Zoey) Moxcey of LaFayette, CO, son Matt (Elliott Chiu) Moxcey of Davis, CA, sister Bonny (Steve) Crews of Homestead, FL, sister-in-law Nancy Moxcey of Crestview, FL, and numerous nieces and

nephews.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Robert Moxcey, and his brother, Louis Moxcey.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Moxcey*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Bonny Ann - October 23, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *19 files added to the album Moments now Memories*



Bonny Ann - October 19, 2021 at 05:21 PM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Jesse Epstein - October 15, 2021 at 06:21 PM

JE

“ I was privileged to have been able to play music with Mike over the course of these last eight years. He was the best musician I ever got to play with on a regular basis. Playing with him was like strapping yourself to rocket-propelled roller skates. By that I mean it was a whole heck of a lot of fun.

Mike was generous with his talent; I have heard from many people that they would not be the musicians they are today had they not met Mike Moxcey. He seemed to have a special place in his heart for those just starting out.

He also loved making music for kids and I don't blame him. Adults are often reluctant to dance but the three and four year-olds are ready to move! He would play "If You're Happy and You Know it, Play Your Banjo" and I'm not sure I've ever experienced a more pure moment of joy.

Mike knew hundreds of songs and wrote dozens more; each one more clever than the last. He also took care to record nearly every time he played. About two months ago, he handed each of us in the band a USB drive with recordings going back more than ten years. The timing of that gift is startling, in hindsight.

I am just gutted. I can't believe my friend is gone. My heart goes out to Carol and their kids. He was just a beautiful human being with a huge heart and I will cherish his memory for the rest of my life.

Jesse Epstein

Here is a pic of the four of us from a few years back at the Shire CSA



Jesse Epstein - October 15, 2021 at 06:19 PM

MD

“ Mike was always full of energy and ready to go on a hike, put bikes in his truck to drive to a bike path, grill up burgers and dogs for the whole family, and make ice cream at the same time! He made the best guacamole, whipping up a huge bowlful , which the 12 or more of us would devour in less that an hour! It was great to get into a conversation with him about his job, articles that he was writing, or a project that he was working on around the house. The rock walls that he built were awesome! We loved how he shared his music, playing the banjo and singing a song you couldn't help tapping your foot to.

We will miss all of those beautiful things about Mike, but those memories will always stay with us, and make us smile. He was a wonderful brother-in-law and uncle to our family! Rest in Peace Mike.

Scott, Marilyn, Eric and Jill Davis Weidhaas

Marilyn Davis - October 11, 2021 at 04:27 PM

LD

“ I was shocked and saddened to find Mike's obituary in the paper. I met him more than 20 years ago, through the Baha'i faith, but never got to know him well.

Back in 2000, Mike did something for me that I will never forget. We were both called to jury duty for a murder trial that was moved to Ft Collins because of the publicity it had received in Steamboat Springs. There were more than 200 people in the room that day. By some twist of fate my name was the first of the twelve they called to start the process of being questioned. They had the 12 of us sit in a row across the front of the room. Mike made it a point to sit in the second row and directly behind me. We were cross-examined for 6 hours and then told to return the next morning. That day, when I took my seat, Mike made sure to again have my back. I was eventually excused from the jury, but I will be forever grateful for his silent but steadfast act of support and kindness.

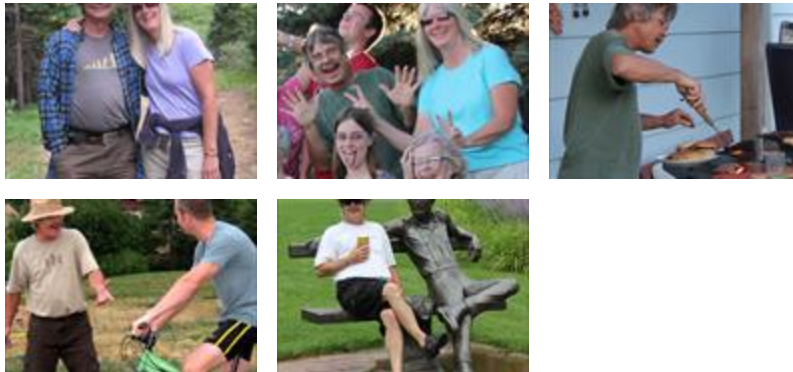
He was a special man.

Laurie Dunn

Laurie Dunn - October 10, 2021 at 09:53 PM

HS

“ 12 files added to the album Mostly August, 2002--2016



Harold Sears - October 07, 2021 at 08:21 PM

HS

“ Mike was super friendly, fun-loving, happy -- he always made the day more cheerful. He was generous with his time and talent. I loved that he shared his music with both drinkers and school kids, and he sure didn't restrict himself to the banjo. A year or so ago, he was playing the crosscut saw for us in the living room, and in this pic, he and Carol are on guitar and piano back in 1978. Yes, he left us way too soon.

Brother-in-law, Harold



Harold Sears - October 07, 2021 at 07:42 PM

EE

“ Mike was a fun and fearless musician who sang and played with joyful energy. What a free-spirited minstrel! He introduced me to the bluegrass jam at Avo's 23 years ago and made so many of the times together memorable. I cannot list all the ways I'll miss Mike and I'll never forget him.

Eric Ebel - October 06, 2021 at 06:00 PM

LE

“ Oh Dear God. I'm very sadden to receive the news~!!!

Very jovial spirited person, musically talented, and a genuine team-member problem-solver.

I will always remember the occasional after-hour "Name That Tune", and/or Jam Sessions of "Mike & Mike", during the MIS2000-Data Modeling days!

Mike & Family will be within our Prayers

Monte Chandler & Family

Leechani - October 06, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JW

“ I am an MIS Data Tech with the USDA-APHIS -Wildlife Services and Mike was always very helpful. He always did whatever he could to fix the MIS glitches and provided wonderful assistance to the 16 states i worked with. I enjoyed his sense of humor. I will miss him and his IT expertise. He was great!

I was saddened to hear Mike passed away. I will pray for his family.

Jane Weiskittel

Jane Weiskittel - October 06, 2021 at 10:30 AM

MD

“ I am so shocked and saddened to hear of Mike's passing. On the too few occasions I was able to visit and play music with him he was always so vibrant, so friendly and encouraging. His great smile, that great sense of humor..that hat! I always enjoyed every music session together and I am devastated i didn't find time to play music with him more. I will always remember him singing "Salty dog" and " Grandfather's clock". How can someone so full of energy and kindness and fun be gone?

My sincere condolences to Carol and Zoey and all his family. Marta Dean

Marta Dean - October 05, 2021 at 10:37 PM

TG

“ Mike played with me in few one off groups put together to perform song parodies at retirement parties at PSD He was an absolute joy to play with. An accomplished banjo player obviously but what I remember most was his infectious smile! What a nice man!!!

Todd Gamble - October 05, 2021 at 09:35 AM

TD

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mike from the Shire CSA farm where he played frequently. He was always great to chat with and we really enjoyed his energy. I have a great video of him singing the “Bad Hobbits” song he sang about the Shire.

Terry Dreith - October 05, 2021 at 08:56 AM

MT

“ I got to meet Mike at AVO's and he was incredibly welcoming. I loved his version of She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain - played with pure joy and enthusiasm. Deepest condolences to all his family and friends.

matt telfer - October 04, 2021 at 06:47 PM

JP

“ Mike was a man of many talents. He worked as my secretary when he first started with the government. His talents as a proof reader with the Teck Writing Group were the best. I told him his talents were wasted with us as far as promotions and encouraged him to go to the computer side of things. He still proofed for me on the side. He was such a good person and I am saddened by the news of his passing. My deepest sympathy to you, Carol, and your family. Many the many fond memories of him help you find peace.
Jeri Perkins

Jeri Perkins - October 04, 2021 at 01:12 PM


TH

“ Carol,

I am truly sad to hear of Mike's passing. I worked closely with him His work station was next to mine when we worked in the office and I missed interacting with him. He was so proud of your family and his work. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and I will miss him very much.

Tom Hall

Thomas Christopher Hall - October 04, 2021 at 11:35 AM

 Bonnie Ann

“ Mike will be missed by so many people whose lives he touched with his love for banjo playing music! Thanks for all the memories of laughter, grins, smiles, and happy times together over the years!



Bonny Ann - October 02, 2021 at 03:06 PM