



Rick D. Keeton

May 30, 2021

Richard “Rick” Keeton, 65, of Fort Collins, passed away on May 30, 2021.

Rick was a native Coloradoan, born and raised in the area. He graduated from Fort Collins High School and attended college here as well. He was always very good with technology and soon after college he began working in the City of Fort Collins Parks Department as a Data Entry Technician.

Rick’s use of technology was woven into many parts of his life, including his communication. He lived with Cerebral Palsy that affected his ability to speak, so he spoke using an electronic communication device. He used several models and versions of these devices throughout the years and advocated for other individuals living with disabilities. He tried to speak up for those who couldn’t speak for themselves. Rick was something of a local celebrity, speaking to audiences about his life, winning several awards, and helping speech therapists learn to work with people using the technology that was such a help to him. (To learn more, a youtube video about Rick and Lisa can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WO6TBZcwlA>)

In 2004, Rick met Lisa Wallace as they were both commuting to work on the same bus. On June 24, 2005, the pair were married and began their lives together.

Rick enjoyed listening to the CB Radio, and loved working outside – gardening and doing yard work. He was always willing to lend a hand and was skilled with irrigation systems. Folks who worked with him in the parks department said he did lots of work beyond his Data Tech position. Rick also loved to swim and was best at backstroke. In the 70s, he helped start the SLiCE Adaptive Swim Program at CSU.

Rick is survived by his loving wife, Lisa Keeton; sister, Becky Adams; nieces Heather Stuart and Marie Adams; nephews, Tim Adams and Mike Adams Jr.; and so many friends in the community and especially in the parks department.

A Celebration of Life will take place from 4pm-7pm on Monday, June 21, 2021 at City Park (Shelter 7) in Fort Collins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the “Rick D. Keeton Memorial Fund” and mailed to Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr. Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Or take the donation directly to Wells Fargo.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rick D. Keeton*



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - June 09, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Rick D. Keeton*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Rick you were one of my favorite clients to work with back in the day! I enjoyed seeing you and Lisa in your home. When you would email me that your device didn't work or you needed help with something on it...I always made sure to have an extra communication device just for you in case you needed it because being able to communicate is one of the most important aspects in ones life. I remember picking you and Lisa up many years ago for a conference you were helping me with in Denver. We stayed at a hotel in Denver. You both were the most grateful people thanking me for bringing you...and I kept thanking you both for coming to help me out!*

I send thoughts and prayers to you Lisa and your family for your loss.

Renee Paratore - June 16, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ Rick - you were a friend, a mentor, and a kinder person than most people I know. Even when you were misjudged or disregarded, you took the high road and kept your dignity. You showed the kids, staff and professionals at camp how words can change the world. I was privileged to support your wedding day to your love, Lisa, and always hold your story in my heart. I am proud to have known you.



Maija Gulens - June 15, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ Connie Roper lit a candle in memory of Rick D. Keeton



Connie Roper - June 10, 2021 at 04:16 PM