



## Robin Michael Reich

October 24, 1954 - January 3, 2016

Fort Collins – Colorado State University Full Professor Robin Michael Reich died Sunday,

January 3, 2016, in Loveland, CO after a 7 month battle with cancer.

Robin was born in Bayreuth, Germany on October 24, 1954. At six months of age Robin was adopted by Rudolph Maximillian Reich and Edna Roquemore Reich. Robin's father, Rudolph, was a Captain for the U.S. Army and served as a spy in Germany during WWII where he was stationed. Shortly after Robin's adoption, his parents moved to Jacksonville, Florida where Robin spent his childhood with his adoptive parents and brother residing on military bases.

During Robin's senior year in high school he was expelled for having long hair and had to achieve his diploma at a continuing education school. While attending this school Robin took a Career Aptitude Test where he failed miserably on the subject of mathematics. Robin was told by the school counselor to never enter into a math related career.

After high school Robin attended the University of Florida where he obtained his B.S. in Forest Science and is M.S. and PhD in Forest Bio-metrics. During this time Robin worked at a lumber yard. When not attending class or working, Robin spent most of his free time camping and enjoying the outdoors.

In 1985 Robin moved to Fort Collins where he began his career as a professor at Colorado State University. During his career at CSU he taught forest Bio-metrics, natural resource sampling and spatial statistical modeling of natural resources. Robin made significant advancement with the development and application of spatial statistics in natural resources and influenced analytical approaches that are enduring, through his students and peers, and will continue to contribute to society.

When Robin was not deriving complicated equations he could often be found helping his students. Robin had genuine concern for his students' learning, success and personal well being. When students needed support Robin was there for them. Office hours never existed, he always had time for questions.

Robin's research spanned a vast array of subjects and techniques. He produced over 80 peer-reviewed publications and has acquired close to 1000 citations of his work. Research topics ranged from species distribution and abundance modeling, precision agricultural modeling, plant entomological disease modeling, climate modeling, vegetation modeling, forest inventory and monitoring, and the economic impacts of smoke-free bars and restaurants.

Robin's work impacted people across the globe. His research and expertise took him to Vietnam, Mexico, India, Poland, China, and the US.

Robin is survived by his close friends Vanesa Bravo, John Lundquist, Bill Jacobi and Doug Rideout.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 9th, at Goes Funeral Care & Crematory, Inc., 3665 Canal Drive #E, Fort Collins. Robin's close friend, Duane Pool will deliver the Eulogy.

“Yes, we have to divide up our time like that, between our politics and our equations. But to me our equations are far more important, for politics are only a matter of present concern. A mathematical equation stands forever.” ~Albert Einstein

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Goes Funeral Care & Crematory

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robin Michael Reich*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I still love you -- your wife Debra -- see you soon hopefully in the ocean surfing where we have always belonged and been best*

**Debra Ramsay** - October 09, 2019 at 01:33 AM



“ *Carl Reich lit a candle in memory of Robin Michael Reich*



**carl reich** - November 17, 2016 at 09:38 PM



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**Nathan Lojewski** - February 03, 2016 at 02:13 PM

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**Nathan Lojewski** - February 03, 2016 at 12:20 PM

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*This is a picture of Robin Vanesa and Ben Jr. after our field work in Port Graham Alaska.*

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**Nathan Lojewski** - February 03, 2016 at 02:02 PM

NL

*I had the pleasure of working with Robin on a blueberry modeling project around Port Graham, Alaska. He was wonderful to work with, both in the field and in the office; despite the large geographic distance between Colorado and Alaska. I remember when Robin and Vanessa came up to our coastal rain forest for a week of field work and it rained hard the entire time we worked in the field. I never heard one complaint and everyone seemed to enjoy the work, blueberries, and salmonberries. I took the picture above after we completed our field work at the Airport in Port Graham.*

*Loosing Robin will be felt here in Alaska, but I am grateful we had the opportunity to work with Robin.*

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**Nathan Lojewski** - February 03, 2016 at 02:11 PM

PB

“ Robin,

*Brilliant and approachable. You inspired, challenged, and supported us. Your door was always open to help us understand the complexities we wanted to grasp, with a sincere dedication to knowledge and success.*

*Your presence on the front steps of the Forestry building for conversation will be missed.*

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**Pete Barry** - January 09, 2016 at 02:38 AM

TC

“ *I will always remember Biometry and being a part of the class that helped earn him the departmental Toothless Saw Award.*

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**tara costanzo** - January 08, 2016 at 05:32 PM

JW

“ *Dr. Reich - I still have your textbook on spatial statistics, and it's one of the most worn books on my shelf because I refer to it so much. You were an excellent professor, and your ongoing devotion to students and approachability to researchers everywhere is an inspiring model for all us statisticians. Sending love to you and your family... John Withrow*

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**John Withrow** - January 08, 2016 at 03:19 PM

JO

“ *Robin, always enjoyed working with you and you friendly personality. Will miss you lots. Catch you in the other side! Prayers for you and your beloved ones.*

*Jose*

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**jose** - January 08, 2016 at 10:32 AM

BJ

“ Robin

*You were always a great supporter of undergraduate and graduate students*

*You are missed...*

*You never seemed to get really too upset about anything.*

*I will miss our morning chats about data and life.*

*I will miss your cherry hello as you stood outside catching a smoke.*

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**Bill Jacobi** - January 08, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robin Michael Reich.



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January 07, 2016 at 11:28 PM

LH

“ Laurie Huckaby lit a candle in memory of Robin Michael Reich



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**Laurie Huckaby** - January 07, 2016 at 12:38 PM

MD

“ *It is with great sadness that we say good bye to Robin; while at the same time it is with great appreciation that we reflect on Robin's life.*

*Robin was always the teacher. He made time for us whenever we had tough questions; listening to our presentations and multitudes of data and other minutiae, then helping us to discover what he already knew was the most elegant solution. Light bulbs always went off for Robin's students when he helped with a problem. Now Robin's work lives on through each of us who he unwaveringly held to a higher standard of excellence!*

*Robin was also an excellent colleague. Not only were Robin's contributions meaningful they were ground breaking. His technologically advanced methods that he developed 20 or more years ago, led to a recent paradigm shift in the way we conduct invasive species sampling in the government. We now better understand where to effectively invest limited resources to find new and expanding invasive species populations. But this is just one of the many ways that his early work spawned new and successful products.*

*I will always remember Robin as the kind of person who could find the humor in life's challenges and who could pick up the friendship where it last left off no matter how much time had passed. Robin, you will truly be missed! - Marla Downing*

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**Marla Downing** - January 06, 2016 at 01:23 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Robin  
Michael Reich*



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**Chrissy** - January 04, 2016 at 03:30 PM

HB

*With the forest all around me...so will the memory of Robin always be there too.....Herb in Montana*

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**herb boltinoff** - January 04, 2016 at 08:37 PM

AN

*Robin always had a smile and a story to share after he took time to explain the most difficult spatial statistics problems and solutions. I looked forward to stopping by his office as I knew he would warmly invite me in, help me with spatial statistics, and then talk with me about past/potential research, adventures, bull dogs... all the while, his little office radio played quietly, a soundtrack, for all who had the pleasure of meeting with him there, to enjoy. I hope, as I continue with my studies and one day become a professional in academia or elsewhere, to become anywhere near as intelligent, humble, and friendly as Robin.*

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**anonymous** - January 07, 2016 at 03:43 PM