



Roger D. Tarum

November 17, 2022

Roger Dale Tarum died at the age of 73 at his home in Ft Collins from what is believed to be a cardiac issue. He was born in 1949 in Watertown, SD, the oldest son of a farmer. He moved to Colorado in 1959 with his family. He is survived by three brothers and one sister.

Roger attended Bear Creek High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees with emphasis in hydrology at Colorado State University. He worked for the Forest Service for 50 years starting with fighting fires during summer breaks in 1968 until his retirement in 2008.

It was his wish not to be buried in the ground but to have his ashes spread somewhere he enjoyed. No memorial services are planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

GC

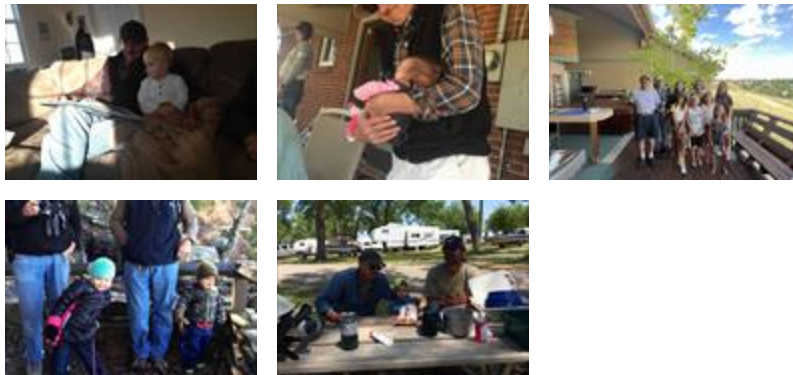
“ My sincere condolences to all of Roger’s family. I knew Roger for 35 years starting with our time on ARNF. In recent years Roger would come and visit me in Santa Fe. We would golf, go exploring (the photo is from Bandelier) and disagree on politics. Over the years I might have moved him a nudge or two towards the center. Roger was genuine, hard working and caring. He will be missed
Sincerely, Geoff Chandler



Geoff Chandler - December 17, 2022 at 03:03 PM

TW

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Tara Wright - December 02, 2022 at 08:03 PM

JL

“ I worked with Roger for more than 10 years on the Arapahoe/Roosevelt NF & Pawnee NG. For the first 5 years or so we were almost always at opposite ends of an argument. But towards the end of my career, I considered him one of the Leadership Team whose opinion I respected more than most others. I consider myself lucky to have visited with him one last time in Lake Tahoe this past summer. Jeff Losche

Jeff Losche - December 02, 2022 at 07:40 PM

JL

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Jeff Losche - December 02, 2022 at 07:28 PM

KR

I also worked for the Forest Service. I first met Roger in 1986 and he was even my boss in the Planning Shop. He was a wonderful man and I was shocked to hear of his passing. I'm so sad for your loss, but sad that we loss such a great man. Karen Roth

KAREN ROTH - December 04, 2022 at 04:54 PM

JT

“ Roger was a lifelong treasure of a friend for Carolyn and I for 50 years. From innumerable outdoor adventures to helping us make our first long distance move with a sick baby Rog was always there. We have a hole in our heart without him and send our condolences to his family. Jack and Carolyn Troyer

Jack Troyer - December 02, 2022 at 12:01 PM

RG

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Rosemary Van Gorder - December 01, 2022 at 10:08 PM



Roger belonged to a group of very special group of running enthusiasts from the Fort Collins Club. Rest in peace Roger.

Rosemary Van Gorder - December 03, 2022 at 04:56 PM

PC

“ *I first met and worked with Roger on the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland in the late 1990's. Roger was a dedicated professional and a kind and decent man. I was saddened to hear of his passing. I enjoyed the time I spent with him and he will be missed by many.*

Peter Clark

Peter Clark - December 01, 2022 at 08:30 PM

AT

“ *We had many wonderful conversations with Roger over breakfast at Panera. He was a wonderful human and we will miss him dearly.*

Amy and Howard Taylor

Amy Taylor - December 01, 2022 at 06:28 PM

RC

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Robert Carter - December 01, 2022 at 12:30 PM

AT

A great picture of our friend Roger. We had many wonderful conversations with him at Panera over morning coffee & tea. Will miss him dearly! Amy & Howard Taylor

Amy Taylor - December 01, 2022 at 05:08 PM

RC

I had great times meeting Roger and mutual friend Rolfe for coffee over the years. His love of family, current events, and the good old days were favorite discussions. I will really miss him.

Robert Carter - December 02, 2022 at 08:01 PM

CV

“ *I was sorry to read about Roger's passing in the paper. I had the pleasure of working with him when he sold his house on Stonehenge. He was very smart and talented.*

Carol Voorhis - November 30, 2022 at 04:35 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rogers passing. Roger was my supervisor on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest when he was the Recreation and Planning Group Leader. Roger was unfailingly kind in everything he did. I will always remember his infectious laugh, especially when his employees were being outrageous in team meetings. My condolences to his family. Sue Struthers, Heritage Program Manager ARP.

Sue Struthers - November 30, 2022 at 10:07 AM

JH

“ I worked with Roger on the White River he was a great guy to work with and to socialize with. I will miss him.

Jerry Hart - November 30, 2022 at 09:53 AM