



## Roy Conrad Bath

October 11, 2024

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Roy C. Bath, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, who passed away peacefully on October 11, 2024, at the age of 77. Born on July 30, 1947, in Denver, Colorado, Roy lived a life dedicated to family, service, and community, leaving an undeniable mark on all who knew him.

Roy was a devoted husband to Isabel for 42 years, building a marriage rooted in love and support. Together, they created a home filled with joy and laughter, leaving behind memories that will be cherished forever. As a father, Roy was a pillar of strength and wisdom for his three children: Jason, married to Jennie Bath; Sara, married to Kijika (Ki) Istre; and Daniel (Dan), married to Erin Terry Bath. He was incredibly proud of the lives his children built and the love they shared with their families.

Roy was a proud and doting grandfather to his four grandchildren, who brought him immense joy: Jude and Wyatt, the children of Sara and Ki; and Samantha and Brooks, the children of Dan and Erin, all of whom lovingly called him "Papi." His grandchildren will forever cherish the special moments shared with their Papi, remembering his stories, warmth, and unwavering love.

As a Vietnam veteran, Roy's service to his country instilled in him a deep

sense of justice and compassion. After his military service, he dedicated his career to the Public Defenders Office as an investigator, where he made lifelong friendships and worked tirelessly for fairness and integrity in the justice system.

Beyond this family, Roy's passion and dedication to peace led him to volunteer with the Veterans for Peace. He also found solace in Japanese culture, particularly the tranquility of Japanese tea ceremonies, which reflected his calm and thoughtful approach to life. Roy was also a member of the Quaker church, where his faith in peace and simplicity guided his life. Roy's love for sushi was well known, as was his appreciation for a good pun, which kept him laughing. Just ask Dan, he would love to "tako" about it.

Roy's love for Colorado ran deep. He enjoyed the beauty of nature and was an avid fan of the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Rockies. His connection to the outdoors and his home state was something that always grounded him. He also spent countless hours reading, with a particular love for philosophy, reflecting his deep, thoughtful nature. Whether enjoying long rides on his road bike or engaging in a spirited political debate, Roy always sought connection and understanding with the world around him. Though he embraced the complexities of life and enjoyed philosophical discussions, technology never quite captured his interest. He remained true to simplicity, proudly sticking with his trusty flip phone while the world around him went digital.

Roy is survived by his immediate family, as well as his siblings, nieces, nephews, and extended family, all of whom will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Conrad and Doris Bath, his brother Wayne Bath, and his cousin Paula Bath.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Veterans for Peace, in Roy's honor.

Roy will be deeply missed, but his legacy of love, service, and peace will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Rest in peace, Roy. Your strength, kindness, and unwavering dedication will continue to inspire us all.

Memorial donations in honor of Roy can be made to:

Veterans for Peace Chapter 178 (<https://www.veteransforpeace.org/donate/donate-veterans-peace>)

c/o Rosalind Larson, Treasurer

1733 Elim Court

Fort Collins, CO 80524

(If you are making your donation in memoriam or would like to add a note about your donation, please include it in the 'additional comments' section after the 'payment information' step.)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Drake Center  
802 W. Drake Rd.  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

*Appetizers and beverages will be provided. This will be a casual event, we invite you to celebrate his life by wearing pun shirts, Public Defender Office, Veterans for Peace shirts, Japanese clothing, or how you chose to share how you remember Roy.*

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ *David W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Roy Conrad Bath.* ”



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**David W.** - November 16, 2024 at 10:19 AM

“ Roy and I met in 1995 while studying Japanese tea ceremony with our teacher, Tsuchiya sensei. We bonded over a shared love of Japanese culture and Buddhist philosophy. Roy's deep well of goodwill and natural sense of humor marked him early on as one of the all-too-rare friends in my life with whom I felt a deep spiritual affinity, and when I met Isabel I soon realized that she too, shared these qualities of generosity and humanity.

Over the years, we shared so many great experiences, including renewing our tea studies together when I moved back to Colorado in 2001 after finishing my master's degree in Connecticut, and when I began teaching courses on Japan at CSU in 2003, a newly retired Roy audited two of my classes. The undergraduates loved interacting with him and his natural love of learning made him a wonderful role model for young folks.

Years later, Roy and Isabel supported me through a midlife divorce and my return to graduate school for a PhD, and were among the first friends to visit me in Lawrence KS after I relocated there.

One important thing I learned from Roy is the value of compassion and self-acceptance. Many times over our 30-year friendship, he has patiently listened when I needed a sounding board, and at such times he often said to me, with a twinkle in his eyes, "how dare you be so human?" --- this reminder that our messy, fallible humanity is a feature, not a bug, has served me so well over the years. Now that I find myself mentoring young folks myself as a college professor in North Texas, I use Roy's signature adage with students all the time, reminding them that we learn and grow far more from our failures and challenges than our successes in life. Thank you to Roy and his wonderful family for allowing me to share so many fantastic memories over the years, including the magical month Roy, Isabel and I shared together in Kyoto in the fall of 2011. I'll miss you, friend!





**Mindy Landeck** - October 28, 2024 at 03:59 AM

CA

“ *Within hours of receiving the news, I was sitting along with a pot of tea and a dragon roll. The chair across from me felt full and smiling. I raised my ceramic mug in a toast to the man we all loved and knew just little bits of time with. He touched another world and I was so happy to have shared Qigong and timeless conversation. You will be missed Roy, there will be a hole in every family gathering but the love will continue on with all of our little ones remembering their papi. With Love, Candace*

**candace** - October 20, 2024 at 06:10 PM

MH

“ *I was a colleague and admirer of Roy Bath in the Fort Collins criminal defense world. He was devoted and unfailingly helpful, always friendly, ready with a smile and a quip. One of the good ones: That was Roy C. Bath.*



**Mark Hanson** - October 19, 2024 at 05:04 PM

AS

*Roy and I shared a duplex with another Metro State student in 1975. He made me an honorary member of the VVAW when we were both involved in student activities. You'll be missed, man. Your footprint on life is deep.*

**Anne Shuck** - November 02, 2024 at 06:21 PM

JM

“ Roy became my closest friend and confidant since he first welcomed me into our Veterans for Peace chapter here in Northern Colorado. I loved his wisdom, passion, and sense of humor as well as our mutual love of Philosophy. I am grateful for his friendship and for all the things he taught me. I salute you, my dear friend.

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**Joe Mondello** - October 16, 2024 at 04:04 PM

RH

“ I also served with Roy in 1966 in Vietnam. My condolences to Isabel and family. Bambino rest in peace Marine and brother. Semper Fi, Robert Holcombe

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**robert holcombe** - October 16, 2024 at 03:35 PM

MN

“ I knew Roy from high school in Fountain Colorado. We were on the wrestling team and I remember him being pretty good. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing, my heart goes out to his family.

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**Mark Noble** - October 16, 2024 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ I have known Roy for several years through Veterans For Peace. Over this past year, we met periodically for breakfast or lunch. Those meals would stretch into 2-3 hours long conversations. Central to those conversations were the world's many conflicts and unique pathways to Peace. Too bad Roy wasn't president. Had he been... I suspect the world would have been a more peaceful place.

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**James Blok** - October 16, 2024 at 03:22 PM

TT

“ I had the pleasure of Roy's company for the past seven years while celebrating our mutual grandkid's (Sam and Brooks) birthdays. I always looked forward to seeing him and getting his take on the Rams, Nuggets, Rockies, and politics. He was a very engaging and interesting person to talk with. I will certainly miss those lively conversations. We were more than just the two grandpas'; I believe we became friends.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to Isabel, her family and all of Roy's friends!*

*Tom Terry*

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**Tom Terry** - October 16, 2024 at 02:02 PM

PB

*Roy was my partner of 16 years at the Colorado Public Defender where we were both investigators. . He was generous with his ideas and knowledge and always up for a great lunch of sushi. His humor - the blind squirrel is a favorite - and deep compassion for others makes him unforgettable. I last saw Roy at a retirement party and had been waiting to hear back on a lunch invite I sent him. I will miss you, Partner. And that piece of hot coal I was holding the past 14 years? You helped me drop it forever. Love to Isabel, Jason, Sarah and Daniel and their families*

*Pam Buffington*

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**Pam Buffington** - October 16, 2024 at 11:36 PM



“ I first met Roy in 1966 in Vietnam when he joined our squad. I have so many memories of him since. We were fellow Marines, then friends and eventually we became brothers.

I remember waving to him when he was wounded, laying on that stretcher, as they loaded him into the Medivac chopper. I wondering if I'd ever see him again. He lifted his head slightly and gave me a small wave back. We were all so relieved when he recovered and returned to our squad.

After Vietnam we kept in touch by phone, with an occasional letter between us. Then when email was invented, we'd email with updates on our lives.

I live in NY, 2000 miles from Colorado, so you can imagine how surprised I was when Roy showed up at my house in 1970 for a short stay. I was married by then with two kids. Roy traded his short USMC buzz cut for long hair and a handlebar mustache.

Miles separated us but our friendship never faded. In the early 90s I met Isabel and the kids while on a skiing vacation in Colorado.

Then in Dec 2005, Roy and Isabel joined us at a Chalet in Lake Placid NY, for my 70th surprise birthday party. My daughter Lynn, two other Marines and their spouses joined us there for what turned out to be one of the best weeks of my life. It was late and the spouses went to bed but the four of us were up till 3 or 4 am, discussing Vietnam, the Marines, family, politics and how our lives have changed over the years.

A few years later, Lynn and I joined Roy and Isabel for a week in Steamboat. Such good memories. When I learned of Roy's death, I texted Lynn with the sad news. She phoned and said how sad she was, then she said "my heart hurts". That's exactly how I felt.

Roy was such a personality. So full of life, so interesting and so much fun to be around. I have so many good memories. My sympathies to Isabel and the kids.

Semper Fi brother.

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Tom Duncovich - October 16, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CI

“ Roy was a kind gentle person who always made those around him feel comfortable and loved. A pleasure to join our family with his when our children married. Peace and love to all. Conan Istre

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**conan Istre** - October 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

KL

“ I send my deepest condolences to Isabel, to Roy and Isabel’s children, and to all of his family as well as the others in his world. I’d like to commend whoever wrote this beautiful obituary — you’ve captured Roy’s big, one-of-a-kind spirit and his nature as I recall it. When I read “He also spent countless hours reading, with a particular love for philosophy” — I remember the treasured 2-volume set of Plato’s Dialogues that Roy kept close when I knew him way back in the early 1970s.

Wishing you a healing grief and lots of wonderful memories. 🙏🕊️



Kathy (Duncovich) Leonard -Vermont

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**Kathy Leonard** - October 15, 2024 at 04:01 PM