



Steve Earl Panik

December 9, 1950 - August 9, 2025

Steven Earl Panik, age 74, of Fort Collins, CO, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 9, 2025. He was born on December 9, 1950, to parents Andrew and Jean (Ebbe) Panik in Chicago, Illinois.

Steve married the love of his life, Sharon McClain Panik on May 25, 1974. They were married for 51 years. Together they raised their beloved son, Todd.

Steve was a CSU Grad, a Park Ranger, and Deputy Sheriff for Larimer County for 22+ years. He loved the outdoors; camping, skiing, biking, hiking, and especially fishing. He enjoyed traveling throughout the world with friends and family. His grandsons were his pride and joy! Sharing his love of baseball and the Chicago Cubs with the boys has become a family tradition!

Steve is survived by his wife, Sharon; son, Todd; daughter-in-law, Audra; grandsons, Brenan and Laine; lifetime friend Lee Benisek; six sisters-in-law; seven brothers-in-law and nineteen nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, Robert and Phyllis McClain and his beloved uncle, Gordon Ebbe.

Funeral services will be at Our Lady of the Valley 1250 7th Street Windsor, CO on Tuesday, August 26th at 11:00am with rosary at 10:00 am. Reception

following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to UCHealth Cancer Center
Harmony Campus or Sisters of Notre Dame.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I'm very sorry to read of Steve's passing. May he rest in peace eternally.

I first met Steve in 6th grade at Seventh Aveune school in LaGrange, Illinois. I lived on 9th Avenue and he lived on 8th Avenue. I recall delivering little milk cartons to each grade school class for the students early every weekday morning with Steve before classes started. After the delivery, Steve and I played ping pong in a small rec room at the school until classes started.

Steve's dad was a Chicago firefighter.

We both attended Gurrie junior high and then LTHS in LaGrange. In 1967, when we both were Juniors, I moved with my family to California and never reconnected with Steve.

I retired in 2018 and was just reminiscing with myself and decided to Google Steve's name. Very sorry to read of his passing--much too young.

Steve Blackstone

Steve Blackstone - August 20, 2025 at 06:48 PM

DS

“ May the Lord welcome you with open arms. It was an honor to know you. You are and will be missed.

Dennis Spencer

Dennis Spencer - August 19, 2025 at 01:02 PM

BO

“ Sharon,
If your impressive and continual happiness factor was in any part due to Steve’s love, your life together had to be exceptional. May your love and lifetime memories ease your grief. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Brett and Jody

Brett and Jody Overall - August 16, 2025 at 11:17 AM

GH

“ *To a great friend, great person, and a fellow traveler, we were honored to know you and your wonderful family. All the best to Sharon and the rest of his family. May Steve rest in the glory of God. He will be missed by many.*

Gordon and Linda Hadlow

gordon hadlow - August 15, 2025 at 07:11 PM

CM

“ *To my high school forever friend, Sharon. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting your dear husband Steve, I “knew” him through all the photos and the good times that you shared with me these past 51 years. I know Steve was the love of your life. May our Lord comfort you as well as your family & friends. His memory will live with you forever. May he Rest in Peace. Sending you my love & hugs. ❤️*

Chris Malbouef - August 15, 2025 at 10:05 AM