



Robert A. Lamana

January 3, 1944 - June 27, 2010

Robert "Bobby" Lamana came into the world as a lion on January 3, 1944 and left like a lamb on June 27, 2010. Born in Rockville Centre, New York to Marie and Anthony Lamana, he spent his formative years wreaking havoc on the eastern shore. He studied drafting and worked as a construction foreman until he started a business as a co-owner of Friends Saloon in Rockville Center, New York. Fate and fortune brought him to the Rockies in 1979. He opened another version of Friends Saloon in Old Town Fort Collins, introducing the west to the dangers of Pernod "three shots and you're out of here?". After closing Friends Saloon in 1988, he worked for Larimer County Youth Safe and, later, the Jacob Center, and Food Services at Colorado State University. He loved working with kids and college students. He often said he learned more from them than they could ever learn from him. After arriving in Colorado, he played softball with several men's teams. He formed the infamous Swiners, a wild team that lives on even to this day as the coed Swine Dogs softball team. A consummate sports fan, Bobby loved basketball and waited with baited breath each year for March Madness to roll around. Whatever he did, he did with a fun-loving spirit. His golf game inspired laughter when he would occasionally wrap an offending wood around his head in retaliation for a bad shot it had delivered. As a long-standing league pool-player, Bobby had several years in logging the greatest number of 10s and table runs. He mastered the art of head games and could easily draw his opponents into a one-sided match. While he had his ornery moments, Bobby was truly the most loving, kind, and gentle person anyone could hope to know. His accepting nature always looked for the best in people. When he loved, he did it unconditionally. His spirit will be carried on through the legacy he left through his contact with people in his personal life, in his work at the Jacob Center, and at CSU. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kay Rios, who feels a great void in her life with his passing. He is also survived by his step-children, Shawn Rios and Eric Mead of Snowmass Village, Augustine Rios Jenna Milliron of Denver, and step-granddaughter, the Princess Ariana Nava Bighorn Rios of Denver, and by his life-long friends and unofficially adopted daughters, Lisa Moore LaPorte, Jennifer Yard, Beacon, NY, and unofficially adopted grandchildren, Josh Moore Jenny, Jeremiah Moore, and Lacy Moore. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2010 at the Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue

Drake and Yorktown, Fort Collins. A celebration of Bobby's life will follow at the Sunset Event Center, 242 Linden, in Old Town. Memorial Contributions may be made in Bobby's name to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Comments



“ Kay, sorry to be so late in sending this note to you. I had knee replacement early in June and was in a nursing home for 3 weeks. I'm just now getting halfway up to speed. Sorry to hear about your husband. It's a hard thing to lose a spouse. Jim's been gone for 4 years and I still think about him often and miss him terribly. I've tried to find your phone number but had no luck, call me when you can 226-5306. Take care of yourself - Earlene Bell I'm thinking of you

Earlene Bell - July 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay, I only recently heard of Bob's passing. I am truly sorry for your loss. I will remember Bob fondly-especially during March Madness. Many mornings were spent with Bob discussing sports while in the kitchen at both Youth SAFE and Remington House. The many kids that worked with Bob often thought of him as a big gruff and lovable guy. My thoughts are with you during these times.

Tom Hicks - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, I was out of town because of a family illness when I heard about Bobby. He was a wonderful friend and we will all miss him. My thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely, Roger Sobel

Roger Sobel - July 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Though I haven't seen Bob in 15 yrs or so, I'll always remember him as a fun loving guy with a great sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family & friends who loved him.

peppe curto - July 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, I am so sorry. Carolyn has been sharing your life with us and I know its been a long, difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers...Pam Carolyn's sister

pam Kohlhoff - June 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ just one of the old friends patrons from the old old town square saying goodbye, i have good memories from my move to fort collins many years ago and finding a good hangout, just saying goodby and thanks for the memories, sorry for the family lose.

edward hintz - June 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Bob and that's the way it should be. Thanks for having a wonderful soul.

Jay Fetig - June 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay, 23 yrs ago I remember saying to Joe, that I was so happy for you. You and Bob were meant to be together. You joined with a man who matched your spirit for life, love and commitment to others. Two people with huge hearts. I knew he would always bring a smile to your face and his laugh was infectious. The depth of your loss is heart breaking. Please call on me for anything. My love to You, Shawn, Augie and the rest of your family. Diane Whitney

Diane Whitney - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay and the Lamana family. I know how much you will all be missing Bob. He was such a great guy. We were all blessed to be able to be part of his life. Keep strong as you have been over these past months. Jerry Smith

Jerry Smith - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay, We are sadden to hear of Bob's passing. He always had a smile on his face, a joke or two to tell and a very positive attitude. Bob is going to be missed by all who knew and loved him. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Bob and kay Cushatt

Bob and Kay Cushatt - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay & Family, The World has lost a genuinely kind human being. He will truly be missed. Take care.

Joanne DiVico - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Bob was a great guy. It was always a pleasure to stop and talk with him prior to my leaving CSU Dining Services. He will be missed! Peter J Dunphy

Peter J. Dunphy - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my favorite memories of Bob was the way he would kick people i.e. me out of the mens room at Friends: That seltzer bottle worked every time! The best part: He never said a word. Just remember: it's not how much you love..it's how much you are loved by others. Now we have an angel named Bob...love, mb xxooo

MB Weber - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kay, I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing.What a great guy and what a wonderful couple you made.I truly believed you two were "soul mates". My thoughts are with you and your family. Lindy Westcott

Lindy Westcott - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kay and Family, Our hearts are heavy with the passing of your Loved one.Bob was a unique and good guy.I showed my 35 year old son Christopher, of Bob's picture,and asked,"Do you remember your Santa Claus at Friends??" Now our Willy and Bob will be celebrating love and peace with our Dear Lord forever. Our Condolences to you and your Loved ones Kay. Juanita Jacobsen Guzman and children Christopher,Hammond and Jennifer Jacobsen Guzman

juanita guzman - June 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ "Go beyond this way or that way, To the farther shore Where the world dissolves And everything becomes clear. Beyond this shore and the farther shore, Beyond the beyond, Where there is no beginning, no end, Without fear, go." - the Dhammapada
Safe journey, Bob.

Marc Castle - June 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM