



## Roy McKinney Buchan

October 22, 2011

Roy Mack McKinney Buchan passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 with family at his side. He fought a number of valiant battles against numerous illnesses in the past few years. Roy was born in Globe, Arizona in 1943 and moved to Pueblo, Colorado in 1954 after the death of his father in an occupational accident. Roy attended Pueblo County High School where he was active in sports and excelled at football. Roy went on to receive his BS from Colorado State University, and his MS 1970 and DrPH 1972 in Industrial Hygiene IH with a specialization in aerosol sciences from the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Buchan then worked briefly as a civilian for the United States Air force prior to gaining a faculty position in the Department of Environmental Health at Colorado State University in 1973 which he held until retiring in 2003. Dr. Buchan founded the IH program in the department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences. He supported students in this new major by applying for and receiving numerous funded programs such as a Kellogg Foundation grant, OSHA consultation program, a NIOSH training grant to support students and a multidisciplinary center serving Public Health Service Region VIII to accomplish research, education, outreach and service related to agricultural health and safety. The High Plains Intermountain Center has remained funded serving the region since 1991. Dr. Buchan was a recognized leader in the field of Industrial Hygiene, devoting his entire professional life to the advancement and practice of Industrial Hygiene. Roy served as president of the two primary national organizations in his field: the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists ACGIH, and the American Industrial Hygiene Association AIHA. "He was one of those rare 'agents of change' whose passion was to change conditions for workers in the United States, but also around the world." Dr. Buchan had a passion for expanding the field of Industrial Hygiene to the developing world and sought to develop educational opportunities in multiple countries including Poland and Romania, and supported fledgling organizational development in countries such as Brazil, Venezuela, and Mexico. For his efforts to enhance opportunities for practitioners in these countries, Dr. Buchan received a number of prestigious awards including: Amicus Poloniae given to him by the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, Janusz Reiter May 18, 2006; "The Diploma de excelenta a Senatului Universitatii Technice "Gheorghe Asachi" din Iasi" Romania by the President of the University, Professor Nicolae

Badea. As a Professor Emeritus Dr. Buchan was selected by the American Industrial Hygiene Association as the recipient of the organization's most prestigious award – the Donald E. Cummings, AIHA's third president who died tragically at the age of 42. The award is given for outstanding contributions to the knowledge and practice of the profession of industrial hygiene. The award announcement noted that: "Dr. Buchan has devoted his entire professional life to the advancement of the knowledge and practice of industrial hygiene. Dr. Buchan has been instrumental in creating healthier workplaces and workers around the world, not only by his personal efforts, but by the growing cadre of trained and educated practitioners of industrial hygiene that his determined efforts have created. Roy is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicky Buchan; his grandchildren, Seth and Raven McQuarrie; his mother, Norma Ketchum; his sister, Mary Buchan-Arnold Mike; his brother, Mike Ketchum Janice, sister in law, Kitty Gale Don; brother in law, Harry Van Camp Susan; son-in-law, Jamie McQuarrie and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. His grandchildren wanted to state that he was a wonderful grandfather and special in every way. He was recently preceded in death by his daughter, Brook Buchan McQuarrie, deceased September 4, 2011; his father, Robert Buchan deceased 1953, his stepfather, Orris Ketchum deceased 1990 and grandparents on both sides of the family. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made on his behalf to the Student Scholarship fund for students in environmental health and industrial hygiene Department of Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences, Colorado State University or to a charity or cause of your choice. The celebration of the life of Roy M. Buchan will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2011, Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado. Dr. Marc Salkin will officiate.

# Comments

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“ I first met and knew Mack when we both lived in Pueblo, Colorado. I also had the privilege of attending school with him in Pueblo and in the University of Oklahoma. Since we both received the same degree and had the same profession we kept in touch over the years. I will surly miss both the friend I had and the brilliant professional that he was. Bye Mack! Warren

**Warren Pickerel** - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky and family, We know how much you will miss Mac. We feel so fortunate to have been part of the work and "family" that was our lives in the 70's and 80's. We will always remember Roy as a generous and dedicated advocate for worker safety and health, and he helped so many of us enter and prosper in our profession to help other people. With love, Jack Geissert,CIH & Karen Geissert,DVM

**Jack Geissert** - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky and family, Please accept our condolences. Mac was a good person and a good friend. Sorry we didn't get to see him more over the last few years. Gary and Helen Vertrees

**Gary Vertrees** - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

**Istrate Maria** - October 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, I am oh so sorry to hear about Roy, he will be missed around the world. You and the family are certainly in our prayers. Sue & Mel

**Sue Reed** - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will miss Roy who was a true gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with Vicky and I will have fond memories of Roy forever.

**Don Hart** - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Mack as an outstanding student and athlete at Pueblo County High. We graduated together in 1961, and then both graduated from CSU. It is wonderful to see the impact that Mack had on others, both personally and professionally. My sincere condolences to all who were close to him.

**Jon Erion, PhD** - October 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Albuлесcu family send to you sincere condolences for the loss you suffered. We stand by Professor Roy McKinney Buchan family in these moments of hard pain. Rest in peace!

**Albuлесcu Andrei George** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Today, Dr. Buchan is being remembered around the world: pretty amazing how many hearts this man touched.

**Christine Lorenzo** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Roy from the early days of the Environmental Health program at CSU when he started the industrial hygiene and occupational safety courses. With Eldon Savage and John Bagby, Roy helped build a solid EH program that produced many well qualified graduates. Roy was dedicated to his profession and students. I particularly appreciate the support Roy gave me. He will be missed by many people throughout the world.

**Fred Applehans** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky - We're sending love and prayers to you and your family. Nancy & Stan

**Nancy Banman** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Members of the American Industrial Hygiene Association AIHA International Affairs Committee IAC extend our heartfelt condolences to Roy's family. We remember Roy for his passionate commitment to industrial hygiene and improving occupational health around the world, which he expressed through his many roles in AIHA, including President, Board Co-ordinator for the IAC, and an IAC member. Roy pioneered the AIHA's International Affiliate Membership and recently shared with us his exciting contributions to the occupational hygiene profession in Romania. He was a dedicated mentor to many in the profession and a role model for us all. He will be deeply missed.

**Marianne Levitsky, Chair, AIHA International Affairs Committee** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mack, I will always remember the passion, leadership, teamwork and positive energy you brought to our Hornets football team. Your accomplishments and honors received throughout your life make us all proud to have a classmate of yours back in the day. Our condolences to the Buchan family. Rest in Peace Mack. Warner Wells and the Pueblo County H.S. class of 1961

**Warner Wells** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ In loving memory of a great professional and an exquisite personality. On behalf of the Romanian former collaborators I send heartfelt condolences to Vicky and the family.

**Radu Branisteanu** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky, Mother and I are very sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you; Margie and Dorothy.

**Margaret LaHue Samuelson** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies to Dr. Buchan's family, friends, and colleagues. I was in the first graduating class of the CSU Environmental Health masters program and Dr. Buchan was my advisor. His patient guidance and mentoring has influenced every day of my career, and I am certain that is true for thousands of students. We have lost a truly great man. Rest in peace Dr. B.

**Joe Majestic** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Today at exercise class I learned of Roy's passing. The 2:30 group will certainly miss him as he was a friend to all.

**Joan Joslin** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family, Although it has been many years since I was able to spend time with Mack and Vicky, I will never forget the kindness and love that I felt when I was with them! I am so sorry for the loss of this great man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you! Dixie

**DIXIE BIRD** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, I remember in 1973 “Mack” contemplating in our backyard oak tree swing in Oklahoma City his career move after receiving his DrPH in Industrial Hygiene from Oklahoma University. He wrestled with you and he staying in OKC or taking the position at Colorado State University. It is comforting to learn today that his choice touched so many lives at CSU let alone worldwide. You have always been in my thoughts and will truly be missed my dear friend..... Blessing to you, Vicky.  
Bob Conklin October 28, 2011 Sequim, WA

**Bob Conklin** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. B. I worked in the Department Of Environmental Health as the Undergraduate and Graduate student coordinator from 2000-2002. Dr. B was always a very happy man, and he loved his students, his family and his work. I always enjoyed talking to him about his students and CSU. I'll never forget the time he put gas in his diesel truck! My deepest sympathies to all of his family. Rest in Peace Dr. B. You will be greatly missed.

**Sherry Sandoval** - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ The passing of Dr. Buchan is truly a loss to his friends, family, and the numerous student whose lives work he inspired. I remember fondly the times he shared his experiences with us and the personal touch that he brought to our classes and studies. We will surely miss him!

**Don Archibald - COL ret** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky – you and your family are in my prayers. Will always remember the many enjoyable times spent with Roy working on agricultural health and safety, his kindness, and his commitment to helping others. I will miss him –

**Greg Kullman** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ A special prayer for you today that God will care for you and grant you all the blessings of his love. Jim & Tinker Hurt

**James D. Hurt** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are extremely saddened to have lost our dearest friend Roy Buchan. Roy has been my mentor in the OH&S field. We travelled together to various countries to attend conferences. A wonderful human being, Roy will remain in our memories forever. May God bless his soul and give strength to Vicky to bear the loss.

**Nilu and Gyan Rajhans** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky and family, I was saddened this morning to read about Mack's death and also to read that Brook had died. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember with fondness our times together when you and Mack were dating. He certainly made the most of every day of his life. In reading the guestbook - all of his accomplishments and the impact he made on others and their lives around the world! We were blessed to have known him and to have worked with him early in his career. Take care.

**Jane Hollandsworth** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ The profession and all those touched by it have lost a true champion. Rest in peace, Roy!

**Robert D. Soule** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, I will always be grateful to Roy for his guidance throughout grad school. He has taught and inspired an entire generation of IH professionals. He lives on through all of his students and they are a living testimony to his impact. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Ken and Kathy McNaught** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susie is the daughter of Bob Thompson and Mike, his son-in-law. Roy was always very special to Bob and he was so proud and happy to have helped him in his career path. Our cousin, Diana Lykins, is likewise grateful to Roy for his guidance given to her. We are so very sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

**Mike and Susie Donahue** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear about Roy. Bob thought of him as a son and he always held a special place in Bob's heart. My prayers are with you, Vicky, and your family.

**Joanna Thompson** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, I am oh so sorry to hear about Mac. I remember him as a very likable guy. You are certainly in my prayers. Love, Betty

**Betty Ellis** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ With deepest sympathy at this time of loss.

**Jeffrey Levin** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Whth deepest sympathy for family at this time of loss. Rest in pace, ROY !

**ZAHARIA Gheorghita** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky: I'm so sorry about your loss of Roy. He was always kind and supportive of me and I miss his mentoring and friendship. Be strong and try to remember the happy times. Best always with love, Harry and Serrita Beaulieu

**Harry Beaulieu** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky, I am not be able to present the celebration of the life of your husband since I am at Tempe, Arizona. As your students, we don't really know what we can do for you at this moment but signed a card for you as a whole. Please please don't forget all of the support for you from us - your students at School of Social Work, Colorado State University. Sincerely, Shu

**Shu Zhou** - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ One can hardly make a real friend in a lifetime. So, I consider myself incredibly lucky to have found Roy, who, five years ago had come a very long way to meet me in Iasi. Since then, I always felt him close to me, strong, skilled in almost everything, calm and enduring, with a great love for his family and friends. He always spoke highly of his friends and colleagues from all over the world. I have been a guest at his house and I could see how he shared love, how he surrounded everyone with affection: his beloved wife Vicky, his daughter, his son-in-law and his grandchildren. He was also very fond of his silent companion, Khaemal, who always accompanied him on his walks in the mountains. Roy, you are leaving us now on an unknown path, but I am sure that you will find many new friends in the world you are going to. Never forget us, as we shall never forget you! Watch over us and protect us from the sky, as you have always done. God bless you and rest your soul in peace!

**Lus Baciu** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roy was engaging, unassuming, passionate and practical. He committed his life to improving the lives of working people, both here and abroad. Through humble service, Roy became a pillar of the industrial hygiene profession and was responsible for launching and influencing countless industrial hygiene careers. The world was, and is, a better place because of Roy. The profession will forever be indebted to him, and I, like so many others, will dearly miss him.

**Kevin Gara** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I met Dr. Buchan in 1991 and immediately recognized that he was passionate about developing new worker health and safety professionals. Dr. B was my advisor, my professor and my mentor. He helped shape the IH profession, he left his impression on this planet and he will be missed. My sympathy and prayers to Roy's family.

**Barb O'Kane** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roy Mack – even though he insisted I was always a bit uncomfortable calling him that has been in my life since 1985 when I landed on his doorstep -actually across the desk in his office at CSU. He was a good person – enough said. I continually crossed paths with him and I was proud to share my accomplishments as he was instrumental in my personal and professional life. Roy I mean Mack, Bob Grundemann and I got to chase mule-deer with black-powder in the high mountains of Colorado. He claimed and I believe him we were the only students he ever did that with. That being the case, it is the best honor, and memory, he could have ever have bestowed to me! You will continue to be a part of me and I'll be thinking of you Mack that was easier that time, every time I'm up in a mountain meadow – oh yeah – and every time I'm faced with a real IH challenge.

**Dean Lillquist** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Roy's family. I travelled with Roy to Poland as a delegation from the AIHA International Affairs Committee, and was impressed with his commitment to worker health and to the global advancement of the industrial hygiene profession. He was an inspiration to many of us. I went on to help lead the OSH research efforts of CPWR which is affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. Roy offered encouragement and advice on several occasions, and that advice and thoughtful discussion will be sincerely missed.

**Jim Platner** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My brother Mack was an inspiration to us all. He will be greatly missed.

**Mike Ketchm** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Roy at CSU in 1982. I had initially started my work in Chem Epi but after taking Roy’s classes, switched my major to industrial hygiene. Roy became my advisor and guided, pushed, and heckled me until I finished my degree. But he did not stop there! As with all of his students, he took a continued interest in you and your progress in the profession. He appointed me to the conference committee as the ACGIH representative, a position that helped move my career forward. He and I would frequently meet at conferences and talk about hunting and horseback riding, two activities that we shared. He was always available for consultation and was quick to promote his present and past students. I think that one of the best attributes that any person can have is to care more for others than for themselves. Roy certainly fit that description and he will be missed in the profession and as a friend by many, many people. My condolences to Vicky and the rest of the family.

**John Martyny** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ It's rare to come across someone with a wonderfully balanced sense of heart, soul and intellect. We're fortunate in having known Roy who embodied that delicate balance. We'll miss his humor, his huge heart and the contagious enthusiasm which infected us all when around him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Vicky and her family!

**Chris Laszcz-Davis** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal. A. Pine He will be missed. Karen Gilmore

**Karen Gilmore** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sad to hear we lost Roy. I have enjoyed so many conversations about everything under the sun. We talked about Romania and his love for teaching them all he knew. He loved his horses and most of all his family. I learned so much from him. What a wonderful heart. I will miss him so much.

**Robin Hauck** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vicky, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I cannot imagine how hard this time is for you.

**Lorann Stallones** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roy was a great leader for both the association and the profession. He will be truly missed.

**Peter O'Neil, AIHA Board & Staff** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky and family, Please accept my sincerest condolences on your loss. There has been the rare patient I have encountered over many years that could come close in comparison to Roy. He was a very special person and I thoroughly enjoyed knowing and caring for him. My prayers are with you. Stephen Brutscher, D.O.

**Stephen Brutscher** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for your lifetimes work and championing of occupational hygiene. You will be sorely missed within the community. Rest in Peace

**Margaret Davidson** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ May the Holy Spirit be with you

**Frederick M. Toca** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I pray you will find peace and comfort as you remember such a wonderful person in Roy. I knew Roy when I was working in Cardiac Rehab and he was such an encouragement to everyone around him. I looked forward to seeing every time he came and I know his classmates did as well. It was always fun to hear of his most recent travels or his most recent adventure with his family and/or Kamal into the mountains. He was always so kind and supportive of my family and I as well and I will always appreciate and remember Roy with fondness.

**Elizabeth Moore** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky and family: My heart goes out to you at this time of sorrow, and you remain in my prayers. To meet Dr. Buchan and to learn of his work, travels, outdoor adventures, and devotion to his family and grandchildren was to be immediately and profoundly impressed. A gifted and highly educated man, he would no doubt smile and say that the smartest thing he ever did was marry the girl of his dreams & spend 42 of the best years of his life with her. In the wake of two such unimaginable blows in recent weeks, may you be comforted in soul and spirit, and know that you have the heartfelt sympathy and prayers of a host of colleagues and friends across the U.S. and around the world.

**Teresa Donovan** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss, Vicky. I have been receiving many emails commemorating Mack. He must have been an extraordinary man to have made such an impact. You both have created a legacy through your work at CSU.

**Allison De Vries** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ As a student, I appreciated Roy always having time to answer questions and offer support.

**kelly Sandin** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roy was an incredible mentor to me as both a professor while I was at CSU and as a leader in industrial hygiene. We have lost a wonderful person and a giant in the profession

**Max Kiefer** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Vicky: We were very sorry to hear about Roy's death. It was a pleasure to have known and worked with such a fine human being and an outstanding colleague. You can take comfort in knowing that his life-long contributions to making the world a better place were widely recognized and greatly appreciated. His colleagues and friends at CSU will remember him fondly and with deep respect and admiration. Our thoughts are with you and your family. With kindest regards, Robin and Carol Herron

**Robin and Carol Herron** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Vicki and Roy's family. Roy had such a positive impact on my life and career. He leave behind an incredibly rich legacy and truly made this world a much better place. My deepest sympathies. Diana Larson

**Diana Larson** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I will always remember Dr. Buchan as a trusted advisor and friend. I was thinking today that I've known him 31 years! He provided me guidance and opportunities that have followed me my entire career. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to the Buchan family.

**Mary Lynn** - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Roy, we thank you for the way you brightened our lives, with your smile, your wonderful sense of humor, your joy of life, your boundless energy. Now we will all feel cheated that you were taken from us and yet we are grateful that we had the privilege and the honor to have met you at all. You will always be remembered, and your memory will always be cherished. You made a difference, we really feel you made the world a better place. God bless you, Roy. We love you and we always will.  
Silvia, Catalin and Lavinia

**Silvia Georgescu** - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Vickie and Family, We just read of your loss in today's paper. We will miss Roy so much as a neighbor and friend. He was a remarkable person who touched many lives, here and abroad. Please know we care for you and our hearts are with you. Let us know how we can help. Duane and Arlis

**Duane and Arlis Jansen** - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM