



Arvin I. Lovaas

March 4, 1931 - December 21, 2018

Arvin Irving Lovaas died peacefully at his home, surrounded by family and friends with the support of Pathways Hospice, on December 21, 2018, at the age of 87 years.

A first-generation American from a family of Norwegian immigrants, Arvin was born in Redgranite Wisconsin on March 4, 1931, and grew up in Hudson, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wisconsin State College-River Falls with a chemistry degree, followed by a masters degree from the University of Rochester and a PhD in radiation biology from Colorado State University.

Arvin did post-graduate work at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, and collaborated with Dr. John Hursh at the University of Rochester, producing widely cited research into the absorption of radiation by animal and human tissues. In 1968, after a brief position with the Colorado Department of Public Health, he started his career as the radiation safety officer for Colorado State University, a position he held until his retirement in 1996. He was active in professional organizations, including Sigma Xi and the Health Physics Society.

Arvin is remembered by his family and friends for his quiet, thoughtful manner, and for his integrity and kindness. He was a proud father and grandfather, and relished reading and exploring around his Colorado home.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy (née Barker), son Steven (Heidi), daughter Perri Pelletier (Michael), and granddaughters Annelise and Ivy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Simon and Petra Lovaas (née Granmo), his brother, Ivan, and his great-nephew Benjamin Simon Lovaas.

A celebration of Arvin's life will be held at 1:30 pm, on Saturday, December 29, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 South Taft Road, Fort Collins.

Memorial donations in memory of Arvin can be made to the CSU Library Collection Enhancement fund (<https://advancing.colostate.edu/library>) or the Poudre River Public Library District (<https://read.poudrelibraries.org/contact/donate>). Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 29. 1:30 PM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1200 S Taft Hill Rd
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

TB

“ So sorry to hear of Arvin's passing. I was a young graduate student working at CSU when I first met Arvin. He was a great boss and I really enjoyed working for him. He always had a smile and warm greeting and made me feel valued. It was great staying in touch through the years and the random meetings at CSU football games or events in Fort Collins. Our thoughts are with you as you celebrate a life well-lived. Ted and Jill Borst



Ted and Jill Borst - January 03, 2019 at 10:49 AM

DH

“ Dear Judy and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of Arvin's passing. I know that you are an amazing woman, Judy and I know how devoted you have been to Arvin for the many years you have shared.
Please know I am sending warm thoughts of comfort and blessings to you and all of your loved ones.
So fondly,
Debra Herrick

Debra Herrick - December 31, 2018 at 06:57 PM

DW

“ TO Judy and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Arvin's death. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Arvin's service for family reasons. I had only met Arvin a few times at activities at Student Health. Judy, I always remember your smiling face whenever you would visit us in the X-Ray department at Student Health. Blessings and comfort to you and your family at this difficult time.

Thinking of you - Dorothy Wilson

Dorothy Wilson - December 31, 2018 at 11:17 AM

CH

“ Our condolences to you and your family. Lots of fond memories of you all. Love Christine & Donovan Walsh family

christine - December 29, 2018 at 01:40 PM

KG

“ Dear Judy, As a teacher of Steve and Perri at FCHS, I appreciate your children as a tribute to the quality parenting you and your husband demonstrated in raising exceptional children. I respected them for their scholarship, their curiosity, their respect for others, their unique character, and their kindness. I extend my condolences to you and your family as you grieve for your amazing husband and father. Fondly, Katrina White Graydon

Katrina White Graydon - December 29, 2018 at 11:37 AM

WF

“ To Judy & Family: I'm deeply saddened to see of Arvin's passing. We made lots of music together over the years. Such fond memories I have.

Wendell Frey - December 27, 2018 at 11:52 PM

BK

“ *Beth and Mo Khovaylo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arvin I. Lovaas.*



Beth and Mo Khovaylo - December 27, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *Lovely photo of Arvin. We will miss his gentlemanly nature, his friendship, and the sense of home he brought to the neighborhood. A friend offering comfort remarked he will be the angel watching over us.*

*—the Kaminski-Willards
Dale, Valerie, Boden, Rennen, Liora*

Valerie Kaminski - December 27, 2018 at 02:41 PM

GR

“ *I know what a close and loving family the Lovaas are. My sincere condolences and sorrow for the pain and grief you all are experiencing. --Greg Redder*

Greg Redder - December 27, 2018 at 01:52 PM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences to Arvin's family. I'll always remember him as a kind and gentle soul. Fort Collins has lost one of its greats. Peace be with him. Carol Cowan*

Carol Cowan - December 26, 2018 at 04:24 PM

PP

“ *Judy and family, I remember Arvin a quiet, thoughtful man and I know you will miss him greatly. There are many fond memories of times we spent together. May God give you peace during the coming days.*

Pat Prill - December 26, 2018 at 12:48 PM