



## Bernd Andrew Hoffmann

November 23, 1947 - August 17, 2023

Bernd Hoffmann (a.k.a. Miracle Man\*)

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Bernd was born in Goettingen, Germany and immigrated to the U.S. with his parents in 1953. He grew up in New Jersey, and attended vocational school there for mechanical drafting. He met his wife, Lynda at the One Mine Street coffeehouse on the Rutgers campus where they were volunteers. It was love at first sight for Bernd and they were married in 1971, moving to Fort Collins in 1973.

Bernd took great pride in his work as a draftsman/designer. The “fastest draw in the west”, his work took him from doing pen and ink drawings at the CSU Engineering Research Center where he drew illustrations for professors’ research projects and graduate students’ dissertations to learning AutoCAD drafting in the early 80s. He worked at Advanced Energy, Burris where he designed rifle telescopes, and at Obermeyer Hydro where he was a “dam” designer.

Bernd was intelligent, sensitive, caring, quiet, stubborn, and opinionated and was not afraid to speak out. He was one of a kind and didn’t care what others might think of him. He always wore a hat and carried a walking stick. In the summer months he could often be seen wearing his lederhosen and Tyrolian

hat. Bernd had varying interests throughout his life. He enjoyed sailing and was one of the first in the state to take up windsurfing. Past hobbies included bonsai, tropical fish, black powder shooting, and fencing. He was a pretty good pool player and could recently be found at the West End Pub playing pool and enjoying a beer with his friends. Collecting was another of Bernd's interests and his walking stick collection was a joy to him. He liked rock and roll, reggae, and jazz, sci-fi movies and TV programs, a good cup of coffee, a good beer, and spicy food, the hotter the better.

More recently, Bernd took great pleasure in walking his dogs and sitting on the front deck watching and talking to neighbors as they walked by. Bernd's greatest loves were not things, but his wife and daughter, Heather, who made him proud, and his friends.

Bernd was not a religious person, but was very interested in the Nordic gods. When he would see a couple of crows, he'd say they were Huginn and Muninn, the helping ravens of the god, Odin. May he be soaring, pain free with them. Peace be with you, Bernd.

\*Why Miracle Man, you ask? Bernd survived many ordeals that others would have not-a burst appendix at 18 months of age, falling through the ice at age 12, victim of a pedestrian/car accident at 14, heart attack at 50, and cardiac arrest at a rest stop in Idaho at 65. (We are deeply grateful to Julie Roseborough who performed CPR on him and saved his life, giving him 11 years he wouldn't have otherwise had.) Although he recently underwent open heart surgery for an aortic aneurysm and survived that as well, he shortly afterward suffered several illnesses requiring hospitalization that finally took his life. His message to you all would be that every day is a gift. Don't waste it.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to:

The Animal Friends Alliance (<https://www.savinganimalstoday.org/donate/>)

Pathways Hospice (<https://pathways-care.org/give-now/>),  
or The Colorado Sound (<https://us.netdonor.net/page/16996/donate/1>).

There will not be a Celebration of Life as posted earlier. Please celebrate Bernd in your own way. Maybe have a craft beer, a good cup of coffee (no Starbucks!), or enjoy some spicy food and be grateful for the gift of each day.

# Tribute Wall

NW

“ *Deepest sympathy to Lynda and Heather on the loss of your beloved hubby and father. May you find comfort and peace during this difficult time knowing others care. Sincerely, Nancy Wick*

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**Nancy Wick** - August 27, 2023 at 10:02 PM

JR

“ *Bernd was a man that changed lives. I may have saved his for 11 years, but he guided mine to a career path as an AEMT that would allow me to touch the lives of many more after him. God had a plan, and that was to have me in the right place at the right time. Bernd and his beautiful wife, Lynda came to visit me several times since July 12, 2012. I love them both with all my heart and I am humbled to have been a part of their lives. We have lost a great man!!*

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**Julie Roseborough** - August 24, 2023 at 03:20 PM

NL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Lynda, Heather and the rest of his family and friends. Bernd sounds like he was an interesting person and I am sorry I never got to meet him.*

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**Naomi Lederer** - August 22, 2023 at 01:29 PM

DE

“ *Having worked at the CSU library with Lynda I knew of Bernd through conversations with her. Her love and care for him were obviously deeply felt. His obituary allows me to learn more of Bernd and what a unique and wonderful person and husband he was. My condolences to Lynda and the rest of the family.*

*Doug Ernest*

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**Doug Ernest** - August 22, 2023 at 12:12 PM

SK

*My sincere condolences go out to Lynda and her family. Blessings!*

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**Sharon Kunze** - August 22, 2023 at 01:02 PM

AH

*May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Bernd was "one of a kind" and he overcame many obstacles in his life with resilience. He earned the title "Miracle Man". Wishing Lynda and Heather strength and peace.*

*Cousin Ann Hetman*

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**ann Hetman** - August 24, 2023 at 09:42 AM

AS

*My deepest sympathy to Lynda, Heather, Bernd's friends and family. Through I had not met Bernd, I heard so much about him from working with Lynda at the Library and would see him out walking the dogs occasionally. His resilience through many difficulties was evident and as told in his obituary, he led a very interesting and engaged life. Most of all, I recall the deep devotion Lynda had for him and the loving life Bernd, Lynda and Heather shared. I am sorry for your broken hearts and wish you peace.*

*Ann Schwalm*

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**Ann Schwalm** - September 04, 2023 at 12:02 PM