



Charles Phillip Rossi

July 10, 1919 - October 21, 2010

Charles Phillip Rossi, age 63, of Fort Collins passed away in his sleep at home on October 19, 2010. Charles was born July 10, 1947 in New Jersey. He graduated from Mahwah High School in New Jersey and served in the U.S. Armed Forces. He married Diane Johnson in 1973 and he had one stepson, and three other children. They moved to Colorado in 1975 and Charlie began his career in the Colorado State Forest Service in 1978 as a heavy equipment mechanic and became involved in forest fires. Charlie held many positions in fire and has been a Logistics Chief for Type II Teams for many years. He also taught this position and many others at Wild Fire Academies in Colorado and New York since the mid 90's. Charlie is survived by his wife, Diane Rossi; step son, Jon Davis; son, Jason Rossi; daughters, Jessica and Jenell Rossi; four granddaughters, Melissa, Melody, Ava and Brooklynn; three sisters and two brothers. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. There are many more family members who have loved him. He was a most amazing, loving and caring husband, father and friend. He will be desperately missed. A Memorial Service with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veterans Honor Guard is being held Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Mountain View Community Church at 201 Whedbee St. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Charles P. Rossi Memorial Fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *The wildfire community will miss you very much Charlie*

Steve Blois - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *It was a pleasure getting to know Charlie during the yearly inspection of our forest service vehicle. The fire service has lost a wonderful asset. Charlie will be missed. Our prayers are with you.*

Greg & Julie Lokken - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I just recently found out about Chawlie...that is what I used to call him when we worked together at CSFS. I am so saddened to hear about his loss...He was such good person and very hardworking! I along with my family would like to send our condolences to the rest of The Rossi Family. We are going to miss him!:*

Margaret Maestas - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *We share in your sorrow over the loss of Charlie. I am so glad that we shared many good times over the span of our careers and only wish he would have had a chance to enjoy his well deserved retirement. Most of all I will miss the the Friday night phone calls that always started with "schmuck" I knew exactly who was calling.*

Chuck Kostecka - October 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Rossi family.*

Zipser-Kley Family - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *What a great man the fire community has lost. He always put the firefighters first and took care of them well. Always had a smile, hug and kiss. We will miss him dearly. To his family, we will continue to keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Good bye dear friend!*

Lynda Berckefeldt - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ *i have many great memories of charlie and even though i have not seen him in many years, i will surely miss him. when i think of charlie i will always have a big smile.*

bob uhlinger - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *Dear Diane & Family, I received the e-mail message from Lorraine this morning that Charlie passed away. At first, I could not believe it. You have been in my thoughts all day, and I am so sorry for your loss. Even though I did not know Charlie, I always heard good things about him & felt that I knew him through your e-mails. My deepest sympathies to you all. Love, Cousin Gail*

Gail Warren - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *As my heart cries,my prayers are always with this family.*

alisa - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Words cannot express our sadness on the passing of Charlie. You are in our thoughts and prayers Linda and Dennis Kelly Sigrun Palmer*

Linda Kelly - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I'm sorry to hear about Charlie. I don't know if he was sick or not, but what a fine man. I recall visiting with him at the fire academy and he was so professional! A caring, sharp man who will be missed. Emily

Emily Thurston-Moench - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Charlie was such an amazing person. My family is keeping yours in our thoughts and prayers.

Sheryl Page - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Firefighters have lost a true friend. Charlie always put their needs first. He was generous in every way, especially with smiles and hugs. Fire camp and academy will be a different place without Charlie.

Denise Tomlin - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are sorry to hear about the untimely loss of Charlie. We have many fond memories of Charlie and the old gang here in NJ. Our heartfelt sympathy to Diane and family. Regards, Maurice and Adrienne Dockery.

Mauric and Adrienne Dockery - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I was honored getting the opportunity to work with Charlie for many years on various incidents. His positive and giving nature made complex situations easy. My thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones.

Cindy French - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know he will be dearly missed. All my love and prayers to you during this difficult time. Deb Fegueroa Venus Ortiz' Mom He was like a second Dad to my daughter...

Deb Fegueroa - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Diane and family are in our prayers

Gary Reed - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ To the Rossi Family, My sincere sympathy for your loss. I went to high school with Charlie and have many fond memories of him. May thoughts and prayers comfort you during this difficult time.

Eileen Stibick McNair - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I also knew Charlie in high school. He was a caring, kind and fun loving boy; reading the other notes of expression, I see he did not lose those wonderful characteristics as he became a man - how wonderful. To the Rossi family, I am truly sorry for your profound loss.

Mary Stibick Gerrans - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Heartbroken over the news of Charlie's passing. I always called him Fach and loved how he would talk to me in Italian...told him I understood every word ; A loving ...caring...and gentle friend! The fire community has lost one of the greats! Thanks Fach for all the years of service, friendship, love and just being Charlie! I love you! Many heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the family.

Laura McConnell - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I had the extreme honor of working with Charlie for the last 8 years on fire and the last 6 as a member of the Colorado Wildland Fire & Incident Management Academy. He was one of a kind and a true gentleman. His concern for the needs of firefighters was always his first concern. I'll miss that wonderful smile and cherish the memory of that kiss on my cheek when we met and said goodbye. God speed Charlie and to his family know that he was a truly honorable man and we in the fire world loved him as if he were family. My thoughts are with you in this time of grief.

Laurie Oliver - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ It was a honor to know and work with Charlie over the years. The fire community has lost one of it's finest. My thoughts are with you. God Bless

Steve Mosier - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charlie. I worked with him several years at CSFS. I always looked forward to seeing Charlie and enjoyed visiting with him.

Joel Stewart - October 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Words fail me, other than to say Charlie was truly a fantastic friend and he will be desperately missed. My prayers for all the family.

Kathy Porter - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *It was my privelege to have known and worked with Charlie for many years on fires and training assignments all over the country. He was a hard worker, fun loving, prankster who always cared about everyone else and took care of their needs first. He will be missed by many people. God speed Charlie to that next spike camp!*

Van Chanay - October 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM