



## Daniel Richard Michoski

September 28, 1944 - February 26, 2026

Daniel R. Michoski, 81, of Fort Collins, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2026 at Poudre Valley Hospital.

Dan was born in Chicago, Illinois to Frank and Anne Michoski. He began his teaching career in Chicago. He moved his family to Fort Collins in 1977 where he was a teacher and personal trainer. After retirement, he enjoyed fishing with his brothers and working out and traveling with his dear friend Barbara.

Dan is survived by his children Jamie Erps (Alan), Sarah Esparza (Conrad) and Jarrod Michoski, his brother Tom Michoski (Beverly) and his grandchildren, Sydney, Evan, Charlie, Samantha and Parker. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Anne and brothers Bob and David and his sister Barbara.

He will be remembered as a wonderful and loving father and grandfather. He taught his children by example what it means to show up for others, work hard, and lead with kindness. He was a passionate teacher and personal trainer who inspired others to grow academically, physically, and personally, through patience and encouragement.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



# Tribute Wall

RW

“ To Dans family:

*I was so sad to hear about Dan. He was my gym buddy. He went to the gym every day and biked. I went at the same time and always spent 10 minutes a day on the bike next to him. We talked about everything, so I feel like I really know the three kids. The only day I didn't see him was on Thursdays, as that is when he met his daughter at Culver's for lunch. So every Friday, I always asked him about his butter burger. Dan had many friends at the gym, as he would bike, and people would stop by and talk with him. This past fall, I was involved in a football pool and every Tuesday, I would sit next to Dan as we biked and he would pick the teams he thought would win. Because of his choices, we got to second place one week!! My wife also got to meet Dan as she would spend time talking with him when she went to workout. So I've been searching for his obit and today I found it, as I had called his number and his son told me he had passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss but I just wanted you all to know how much my 10 minutes a day, biking with Dan, meant to me. He was a great guy and didn't get to go fishing as much as he wanted to because of the summer heat. If there is a celebration of life, I would love to attend. Or maybe we can go to Culver's and have a butter burger?? Please reach out at 9706586356 if you plan a celebration of Dans life. He will be missed.*

*Richard Wagner, Fort Collins*

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Richard Wagner - March 06 at 12:02 PM

RM

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Dan's passing. He was such a genuinely friendly and kind person—someone who truly brightened every room (or gym floor) he entered.

*I mostly knew Dan from our times at the gym, where we'd strike up the most meaningful conversations. He was always so helpful with fitness advice and suggestions, sharing his knowledge generously without ever making it feel like a lecture. More than that, he was a good listener who cared deeply about others—he asked thoughtful questions, offered encouragement, and made everyone around him feel seen and valued.*

*Dan's warmth and thoughtfulness touched so many lives, including mine. The world feels a little dimmer without his positive energy and ready smile. I'll always remember him as a true friend to everyone he met.*

*Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories Dan left behind and in the love he shared so freely.*

*With deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences,  
Ray Martinez, former Mayor of Fort Collins*

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**Ray Martinez** - March 05 at 11:42 AM

LH

“ To Dan's Family,

*I was saddened to read of Dan's passing today in the Coloradoan. Dan and I have been neighbors for many years in Peachtree. He was always such a nice person. I have fond memories of visiting with him at the mailboxes, seeing him and his daughter at Culver's for lunch, and watching him walk the loop in our neighborhood every day. He always had a smile on his face. He truly will be missed!*

*RIP Dan!*

*Linda Hansen*

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**Linda Hansen** - March 03 at 06:09 PM

MP

*Dan was a colleague at FCHS and at Healthworks Gym. What a delightful, warm, caring man! I am so sorry to hear about his passing. Sending love and light to his family.*  
*Maggie Payne*

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**Maggie Payne** - March 04 at 09:25 AM

MR

*Dan was a mentor, voice of reason, talented trainer, and most of all a friend. I knew him for more than 30 years. We shared good times, bad, transitions, and life. It was a blessing knowing him and the training world of Fort Collins has lost a legend.*

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**Mike Rickett** - March 05 at 08:14 PM

MH

*Dan was a very nice and positive man. Having moved from northern Colorado it's been a while since talking with him at the Fort Collins Club, but he was more than a trainer. Dan truly cared about people, not just his clients. Rest in peace Dan, I'm a better person for knowing you.*

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**Matt Horner** - March 07 at 05:57 AM

TM

*Dan was such a warm and kind man. We worked together for several years at Fort Collins HighSchool, and his gentle manner helped many students. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Teresa Morgan** - March 08 at 01:51 PM