



## Derek Sean Swanson

October 15, 1969 - January 24, 2018

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Derek Sean Swanson on 1/24/2018 at 5:20pm after a several year battle with cancer. Derek passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in the comfort of his home in Wellington, CO. Derek will be lovingly remembered by his spouse of many years Shylo Harris and his children, Cameron, Matthew, Julianna Swanson, Lakota Balderston-Swanson, step-sons Daniel and Elijah Harris. Derek will as well be remembered by his brother and wife Aaron and Katrina with children Drake, Brooke and Robin. His sister and husband Jessica and Greg Voth with children Allie and Max. Step sister Michelle Trujillo, mother Dennise Swanson and spouse Richard and father Basil (Baz) Swanson with wife Barb Trujillo. Derek will as well be greatly missed, remembered and cherished by many other family members and friends.

Derek enjoyed life in itself, willing to try anything and mastering many. Derek graduated from Los Alamos High School in 1988 and further continued his education at New Mexico State College.

Derek was a bull rider as a young adult, then moving into mechanical traits finally settling into aircraft mechanic where he retired from due to illness. A man who could fix anything and amaze many. There are many hobbies and extra curricular activities that Derek has done such as hockey, archery, hunting, fishing, golfing and many others he just had to try in his lifetime. He

truly enjoyed riding his motorcycle as he would explain it was a sense of peace to feel the sun on his face and the wind whistling. There were many times in his life you would find Derek helping and teaching those around him to “live life simple as dirt” but always with a smile.

A Funeral Service in celebration of Derek’s life will be held on Thursday at 1:00 pm at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, CO 80524. Please come enjoy sharing memories and celebrating Derek’s life full of many journeys, love and friendships.

Please visit <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/derekswanson> and <https://www.gofundme.com/derek-swanson-medical-expense-fund> that has been set up by Derek's friends.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-4244  
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Seth & Tanya Parrish lit a candle in memory of Derek Sean Swanson*



Seth & Tanya Parrish - February 07, 2018 at 10:00 AM

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*I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. A good husband and father gone too soon. Praying for you and the kids, Shylo. We will never forget hockey at the icehouse with you guys. All our Love, Seth, Tanya, Nathan & Gabi*

Seth & Tanya Parrish - February 07, 2018 at 10:03 AM

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“ *REST IN PEACE COWBOY.*

Glenn Eccles - February 01, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Sean Swanson.*



January 31, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Derek Sean Swanson.*



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January 30, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Derek Sean Swanson.*



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January 30, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ *Tonya Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Derek Sean Swanson*



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**Tonya Sutherland** - January 28, 2018 at 03:23 AM



*I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Wishing his family the best at this difficult time.*

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**Tonya Sutherland** - January 28, 2018 at 03:30 AM

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“ We are so glad we got to meet Derek & spend vacations with him, Shylo & the boys. We remember when he played hockey in North Carolina & we were able to watch him play one year while on vacation. He was so much fun to be around, he was always picking on Shylo to get a rise out of her. So sorry we can't make it for the funeral. Our thoughts & prayers are with all the family. Uncle Tom & Aunt Deb Hamblen



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**Uncle Tom & Aunt Deb Hamblen** - January 27, 2018 at 08:54 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Derek Sean Swanson.



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January 26, 2018 at 10:16 PM

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“ Tonya Sprouse-Mullins lit a candle in memory of Derek Sean Swanson



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**Tonya Sprouse-Mullins** - January 26, 2018 at 10:08 PM

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*We will love and miss you always Derek. Steve and I will hold the memories we had with you close to our hearts forever.*

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**Tonya Sprouse-Mullins** - January 26, 2018 at 10:09 PM

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“Derek always called me “girlfriend” to get a rise out of Shylo... he was a faithful loving man, but loved to pick on his one true love, Shylo!

*I miss his jokes, his laugh, his hugs, his orneryness!*

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**Autumn Smith** - January 26, 2018 at 09:18 PM