



Dick Martin Kindsfather

April 11, 1953 - December 16, 2013

Dick Martin Kindsfather, 60, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away December 16, 2013 in Thornton, Colorado. He was born in Fort Collins, Colorado, April 11, 1953 to Robert and Fern Kindsfather. He valued and appreciated his German and Native American heritage from each parent. The majority of Dick's childhood was spent happily growing up in the mountains west of Fort Collins. He attended Poudre Park, Barton, and Stove Prairie Elementary Schools, and Poudre High School. On August 4, 1972, he married the love of his life, Janet Christine "Chris" Wootton. Dick was a gifted singer, song writer, and guitar player. He and Chris both loved music and singing and traveled together--and later with a band--to many churches, events, and gatherings across the state of Colorado. Among his many passions in life were hunting, fishing, and spending time with a multitude of four-legged creatures—large and small—that all found their way into his heart...and he into theirs. Dick was a giver, not a taker; a caregiver, a confidant, a counselor, a comforter, a listener, and a good friend to many. He will be deeply missed. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Chris Kindsfather of Fort Collins, CO; mother-in-law, Donna Kilpatrick of Golden City, MO; brother Robert Kindsfather and wife Ruth, of Bellvue, CO; sister Sharon Muirhead and husband Larry, of Bellvue, CO; sister Judy Rogers and husband Charles, of Wellington, CO; sister-and-brother-in law Terri and Dave Vroman of Gypsum, CO; brother-and-sister-in-law Randy and Roxie Wootton of Bellvue, CO; brother-and-sister-in-law James and Phyllis Smith of Fort Collins, CO; numerous nieces, nephews,

aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides; and a great host of special friends from work and neighbors from his community. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Fern Kindsfather, and father-in-law Jay Smith. A funeral service is scheduled for December 23, 2013, 10:30 a.m., Bohlender Funeral Chapel in Fort Collins, CO; internment immediately following at Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, CO. Contributions may be made to the Dick Kindsfather Memorial Fund, c/o Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ Paul Matonis told me, yesterday, of Dick's passing. I will never forget working with Dick at Ultimate, or his special coffee! He will be missed. God Bless

Doug Prince - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To Chris and the family, I want to share my deepest regret that I could not join you in the celebration of Dick's life. He is a good man, and I appreciated the time I got to work with him. A man of high moral character and a great work ethic. He will be missed.

David Roberts - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ God bless you all and give you His Peace. We will all be coming home soon. What a grand family reunion that is going to be.

Lilly Mae Durham - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Chris and family, so sorry for your loss, and sorry I have never got to meet you and Dick Martin Kindsfather, Love and prayers. Ella Fields

Ella M. Fields - January 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Chris, Carl and i are so deeply sorry for your loss. We always loved hearing you and Dick singing, with his accompanying guitar. We knew him for so many years and admired his deep Christian faith. You are in our prayers and you have our heartfelt sympathy. Eloise

eloise lee - January 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ It is really a shock to hear of Dick's passing. In our lives it is untimely, but we know in Heaven, God's timing is perfect. Dick leaving this life so early is a reminder just how fragile our existence is in this life and how important it is for each one of us to know Lord Jesus as Savior as Dick did. Dick just had the best Christmas ever this year. My condolences to his family and know that I consider it a priveledge to have known him. Even though I worked with Dick just a short while years ago, I don't know when I would have met anyone that was more kind, gentler and caring than him.

Wayne Liedtke - December 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dick will be deeply missed. Our memories will be treasured forever.

Tim, Melissa and Mekenzie Smither - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ It was my great pleasure to work with Dick over the last year or so, in that short time I came to consider Dick a friend and a mentor. I admired how he approached life and his work, always with a smile and a quiet but unwavering determination. I cannot thank you enough Dick for all the time and knowledge you shared with me, you will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to Chris and Dick's entire family, may you find comfort in a life well lived.

Jason Rowe - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ My heart goes out to you all. You are all in my prayers. Dick was a wonderful person and will be terribly missed! I love you all! Charleen

Charleen Mellott - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ I am so sorry to hear about Dick. He was such a wonderful servant of our Divine. Ironically, I ran into him at the Loaf 'n Jug and we exchanged a quick hello to one another less than two weeks ago. We inquired about each other's families and wished one another a happy holiday to all. I was glad to have seen him that one last time. Mom will be there today and then we will head to a doctor appt. for her. Much love and sympathy to you all at this time.

Jeanna Washburn - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Chris: God has gained another angel with a beautiful voice, and Dick will be missed greatly, we were so lucky to have you both at our wedding only 6 short months ago and I am so thankful to have you both in my life as I was growing up. Dick was and still continues to be an amazing man. We love you so much Chris and will be thinking of you. Much love to you.

Justin and Megan Sandmann - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Steadfast is one of the many words that I feel characterize Dick. He loved God with all his heart and his light was bright and a testimony to those around him. I'm thankful for the years I got to work with Dick.

Doug Towne - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ We are certainly going to miss Dick. He was a wonderful, kind, and caring person. I know he blessed many people with his music and lived a life that truly showed his love for God and others.

Gina Roth - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Chris: No words can express our sadness at the loss of Dick. The two of you sang at our wedding and that was such a gift to us then and now. The two of you are true examples of how we all need to live our lives, we thank God for you both. Gods choir just got another beautiful voice in heaven and thankfully one day soon we can all see Dick and hear his voice again. We all love you so much!! Terry to was blessed to get to know you both and loves you!

Jeff, Chonda and Terry Pore - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Dick: You were not only a wonderful blessing but the biggest blessing you gave us all was being a child of God and living it daily and sharing it with all who knew you. What a joy it will be when the heavens open and we see you waiting with your guitar and beautiful voice welcoming us once again to eternity with your love and kindness.

Helen Smither - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Pat and I are neighbors to Dick and Chris for 30 years. We have been growing older together. I really liked those many over the fence conversations with Dick. Chris and I can carry on this long standing tradition.

Gary and Pat Doughty - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Chris, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Dick will be missed but we know that someday we will be reunited again. Praying that God will bring you comfort in your time of loss.

Tom and Diana Mason - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. Dick was a wonderful person and will be missed. May God's comfort be with you.

Scott & Deb Tanner - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Kindsfather family during this very difficult time. Chris, I will always remember you and Dick singing at the church services at Stove Prairie school and also at the elementary school on the Laramie River. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Jeannie Vannorsdel - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ I wanted to let you know that I am praying for your family. I am so sorry for your sudden loss. May God be with you.

Teresa Powell Reed - December 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our condolences to the family. We haven't seen each other in years. But Sharon I still remember that rattle snake on the stairs in your house in Pouder Canyon. So many moons ago. Love always your Cousin

Donna Loffer Messenger - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dick was a fine christian gentleman and a good friend. I will miss our talks together.

Travis - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I'll always remember the deep love Dick and Chris had for one another--a beautiful example to others. I heard them sing together at weddings and it seemed they were singing to each other more than to the bride and groom. I'll always think of them when I sing or hear "I'll Fly Away" or "On the Wings of a Dove". I love you both very much, and I'll miss you, Dick. And Chris, may God bless you with grace and peace while you are still with us.

Ava Powell - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dick will be missed by the many lives that he touched. I am so blessed to have had the privilege of meeting Dick and Chris at a young age and the impact you both had on my life. Dick was a wonderful listener and helped me through one of the hardest decisions I made my life. He never judged, he listened and helped you understand that God had wonderful plans for you. When I got married 17 years ago, Dick and Chris sang at my wedding, leaving me with a wonderful memory. Our love and prayers are with you, Sue and Jessike PriceLawrence

Sue Lawrence - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My condolences to you Chris. He will missed. Heaven has gained a wonderful soul.

Dorine Hennings - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ My deepest condolences. - Steve Zelenak USS

Steve Zelenak - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I am so sorry for your lose. Dick was a wonderful person. I remember so fondly the days of him singing at God's Mountain Chapel at Stove Prairie School when I was was growing up. He was a true Christian, to the core....

Lorri Lee McGregor - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dick and I grew up together at Stove Prairie Elementary and shared many good times. Very sorry for the loss.

Mike Applegate - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ May God bless I know he will. Garry Simpson

garry simpson - December 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ God called my Soulmate home on Monday. It is a shock I will never get over and a space in my heart that will never be filled. I know I am not alone in this and I want to tell you of his love for all his family. To his sibilings, & mine, and their spouses- He loved and cherished you all, marveling at each of your strengths and the capacity of caring and love you all possess. Each of you were a blessing to him and he loved you dearly. His nephews & niece were always a source of pride to him and precious to him in their own rights. He loved and looked up to his Uncles & Aunts and always was proud of his heritage and being from a large, boisterous, and caring clan. Each one of you were special. To his cousins, He loved the time growing up with you and all the fun times as children and adults, watching you children grow. His friends were a blessing to him & he cared for you May God comfort you always. His loving wife, Chris

Chris K - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We have lost, and heaven has gained, a truly wonderful person. We were privileged and blessed to know Dick as a brother in Christ, to work beside him at USS and to call him a friend. We have reflected these past few days on the memory of Dick leading us in worship at USS retreats. He always took us into the throne room of our Savior. Now he is there in a whole new way. You will be in our prayers, Chris. We love you.

Steve & Miriam Schoenig - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Chris and extended family, May God comfort you and give you His peace. Your loss is great but I celebrate with you that Dick rests in the arms of our Heavenly Father. I worked with Dick when we both were at USS and I grew to appreciate his gentle soul. He was, indeed, a special person.

Carole Shellhaas - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Chris; Nels and I are very, very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you during this time.

Elaine Wallace - December 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM