



Don Russell Ewy

May 6, 1952 - January 24, 2019

Don Russel Ewy of Gould, Colorado, died January 24, 2019 in an accident while doing maintenance on heavy equipment in Gould.

Don was born in Longmont, Colorado, on May 6, 1952, the son of Don L. Ewy and Coleen A. (Drage) Ewy. The family lived in Allenspark, Colorado, where Don learned to love the mountains and the pleasure of hard outdoor work. He attended the two-room elementary school in Allenspark and graduated from Lyons High School.

He married Ann Dunning in 1969 and they lived in Allenspark while Don worked cutting timber in the Allenspark area and in North Park. Eventually they moved to North Park where they raised three tough and resilient kids—Peter (1970), Jared (1974), and Laura (1978). All of the kids attended the North Park schools where Don and Ann were active volunteers both in the school and the community especially in the North Park Fire Department and the North Park Search and Rescue Team. He and Ann were also instrumental in establishing the Gould Community Center which is an important gathering place for community events including the annual ski scramble.

In 1993, Don successfully led the Coalition to Save the Colorado State Forest, a diverse group of dedicated folks from North Park and the Front Range, in opposition to the sale of State Forest land to a developer planning to build a massive ski area complex near Cameron Pass.

After a long struggle with cancer, Ann died in 2005.

Don married Jenifer Morrissey on November 3, 2007. Don and Jenifer worked

in the woods often relying on Jenifer's ponies to limit damage to the land from heavy equipment. They were committed to sustainable forestry for the good of the land and future generations.

Don is survived by his wife, Jenifer Morrissey, son Peter (Sherry), son Jared (Sarah), daughter Laura (Dan Ehrmantraut), brother Leonard (Kim), sister Leslie (Stuart), and eight grandchildren.

Don's life will be celebrated at an informal gathering Saturday, February 2 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Diesel Trucking and Equipment, 1024 S. St. Louis Ave. in Loveland, Colorado. A potluck celebration of life will be held at the Gould Community Center in Gould at 1:00 PM on February 24. All who knew and loved Don and his family are welcome.

Remembrances may be sent to the North Park Fire Rescue Authority or the Jackson County Search and Rescue Team.

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was such a great man. I had the distinct pleasure to get to know Don while his children attended college in Durango. The land of North Park has lost a great steward... "to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!" I will miss you, Don, and our condolences to all your friends and family.
Tony Grego and family

Tony Grego - February 20, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ Don would visit us "east coast city people" on Big Creek Lake and do work for us at our cabin. Here we are listening to one of his many stories in August 2017. He will be greatly missed by my family.



Linda & Page West - February 11, 2019 at 04:40 PM

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“ Don followed a path of life that he was destined for as a young man when I knew him in school at Lyons H.S. He was the ultimate outdoorsmen even at the age of 14. His devotion to nature & preservation will be sorely missed, especially in a time when our natural lands and resources are being jeopardized and put in peril. It was my privilege to grow up with the 3 Ewy "kids", and to have also gone to school with Anne. May Don rest in peace and may his family know that he will be well remembered, even by those of us who go way back in his history.

*Melissa Temple Bonacquista, LHS Graduate of 1968
Presently living Aguilar, CO*

Melissa Temple Bonacquista - February 02, 2019 at 12:09 PM

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“ Such a hard loss for those left behind to continue Don's work. Such a legacy of preservation, conservation, restoration and rescue he leaves with all of us. Our thoughts have been on Jenifer and the rest of Don's family during this difficult time. Condolences. Joe, Susan and Kelly @ Rural Heritage

Joe Mischka - January 31, 2019 at 10:18 AM