



Glenn Gordon Simmons

August 30, 1946 - March 5, 2022

Glenn Gordon Simmons, 75, of Rustic, Colorado, died on March 5, 2022 in Fort Collins, Colorado after a year long battle with pancreatic cancer. Glenn was born on August 30, 1946 in Spokane, Washington. After moving to Hays, Kansas he later graduated from Hays High School(1964), Fort Hays State University(1968) B.A., (1971) M.A. and (1995) M.F.A., earning degrees in Psychology, Sculpture and Jewelry Design.

In 1972 Glenn married Jan Busch in Russell, Kansas . A daughter Gina was born in 1981. He and Jan were successful owners of two long term (30 yrs) businesses in Hays- Tattered Covers (downtown) and Gulliver's Book Store and coffee shop located in the Hays Mall. While in Hays he was a member of the Hays Chamber Commerce, The Ambassador's Club , the Kiwanis Club and the FHSU President's Club

A love of the Poudre River and the mountains in Colorado lured Glenn and Jan to follow their dreams and live a quieter life in 2002. On riverfront acreage they built a log home, where Glenn finished the interior complete with an art studio. There Glenn pursued his passion of jewelry design, carving and casting precious stones and metals. He belonged to the Colorado Metalsmithing Association and the Society of North American Goldsmiths. In 2019, Glenn won a prestigious award from the National Halstead Jewelry Design Competition.

For 15 years Glenn was a Volunteer Wildland firefighter and licensed EMT serving the Poudre Canyon Community. He had many lasting friendships in the Canyon and was a member of the Upper Poudre Canyon Association and the Poudre Canyon Chapel.

Glenn is survived by his wife Jan of the home, daughter Gina Rocha and son-in-law Clint Rocha, Paola, Kansas, two granddaughters, Olive and Amelia Rocha, a sister, Sheryle Robinson, Sedona, Arizona and a brother, Ron Simmons, Hays, Kansas and many nieces and nephews.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Vey Simmons, father and mother in-law Carl and Cornelia Busch, brother-in-law Greg Robinson and grandmother Nelly Harshbarger.

Condolences and memories may be sent to the Bohlender Funeral Chapel, Fort Collins, Colorado. Memorials are suggested to the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District. PoudreCanyonFPD.Colorado.gov

A private family service will follow at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Sending sympathy and love to Jan as well as family and friends of Glenn. He was a wonderful business associate and special friend during the time that we were in Hays and especially during my time at The Mall. Glenn always took time to listen, encourage and flash that million dollar smile. The world has lost a great human being and a true gentleman.

Monnie Applegate - March 10, 2022 at 04:04 PM

SP

“ My sympathy to Glenn's family. I loved the stores he and Jan had here in Hays. He was my boss when we worked at the plaza branch bank.

Shirley A Pfeifer - March 08, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JD

“ Gullivers in Hays Kansas was the store to go to when books of any nature was on your list. Glen always gave 100% in whatever I needed for reading material and was full of ideas and suggestions, a true conversationalist. Rest In Peace Glen.

Joseph M. Deckman

Joseph M. Deckman - March 08, 2022 at 12:11 PM

JW

“ Glen was a great co- worker at Archer's and a good friend. We always had fascinating conversations about art and history. He was a beautiful soul and I was honored to know him.

Jade Wilber - March 08, 2022 at 01:18 AM