



Howard Frederick Eichling

April 10, 1942 - March 1, 2016

Howard Frederick Eichling, 73, passed away on March 1, 2016 in Longmont, CO. Howard was born April 10, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas, where he lived most of his life. He moved to Colorado in 2005 and lived in Fort Collins, Laporte, and most recently, Longmont.

Howard graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio. He was in the Air Force Reserve for six years serving as an airframe repairman from 1964 to 1970. He later spent many years working in retail for Kmart and Home Depot. Some of his interests and favorite hobbies included antique collecting, auto mechanics, and woodworking, among others. In many ways, he followed in the footsteps of his father. Upon moving to Colorado, Howard became an avid explorer of ghost towns and follower of the Galloping Goose of Rio Grande Southern. He remained a long-distance fan of the San Antonio Spurs basketball team.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents, Edgar "Ike" Higbee Eichling and Lorna Berry Eichling, as well as his favorite dog and travel companion, Gordy.

He is survived by his oldest daughter, Heather Poudre Eichling along with her husband, Santiago Garcia and son, Luca Flint Eichling Garcia. He is also survived by his youngest daughter, Harvest Lynn Eichling and former wife of 30 years, Hortencia Ramirez Eichling.

In Colorado, Howard is survived by his cousin, Dorothy "Dotti" Orazem, her husband, Ray Orazem and their children, Gretchen and Warren. Howard's surviving pets, Rosco (dog) and Greta (cat) will be lovingly cared for by the families of Gretchen and Warren.

Howard will live on in the ghost town of Caribou, Colorado.

Private Family Service is planned.

Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember Howard's laugh & how much he loved the mountains of Colorado & his adventures exploring the ghosts towns along the front range. Now rest in peace, my friend, until we meet again.

Rosalie - April 07, 2016 at 10:30 AM



Thank you, Rosalie. I don't believe we've met but I appreciate you sharing your memories of my dad.

Heather Eichling - May 08, 2016 at 11:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Frederick Eichling.



March 11, 2016 at 12:43 AM

CW

“ Howard,

I remember well the many times you and I shared stories and photos of the many ghost towns we had visited. I recall our plans to visit some together "one of these days." I regret that "these days" never came. It seemed that we never both had a Jeep at the same time. I will always remember how your face lit up and you became so happy and animated when telling me about your latest adventure. I will miss you, old friend.

Rest in peace.

Charlie Wilber

Charlie Wilber - March 10, 2016 at 11:31 PM


Heather
Eichling

Thank you, Charlie. I'm glad I got to meet you. And thank you for sending flowers. My dad's cousin, Dotti, was able to receive them since there were no formal services. She said they were beautiful!

Heather Eichling - May 08, 2016 at 11:11 PM

CW

Heather,

I'm glad to have met you alson. I am very sorry for your loss. I hope it is some comfort to you that your father is beyond pain and sadness now.

*Very best regards,
Charlie*

Charlie Wilber - May 30, 2016 at 08:19 PM