



Kenneth Harold Hutchison

January 14, 1937 - September 14, 2015

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On the evening of September 14, 2015 Kenneth Harold Hutchison passed away unexpectedly at Poudre Valley Hospital from complications following an emergency gallbladder surgery. He was surrounded by his daughters, Ann and Robyn, and was 78 years old.

Ken was born January 14, 1937 in Snyder, Colorado. He was the third child of Mabel and Clarence Hutchison. He graduated from Fort Morgan High School in 1955 and Colorado State University in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He then served 18 months in the Finance and Accounting office of the United States Army in St. Louis, Missouri. He married Constance Schmidt Fisher in 1965 and returned to Colorado State University completing his teacher certification in business education and a Masters of Education in Personnel in Higher Education in 1970.

Ken had multiple careers during his lifetime, spending time in higher education and business before becoming a small business owner. His career in higher education began in 1965 when he became Head Resident for Edwards Hall, moving his new bride into a "200-room home for 400 students" later becoming the Assistant Director of Personnel at Colorado State University. He then spent time at the Community College of Denver as the Director of Personnel

and Director of Business Services on the Auraria Campus. In 1973, he became the Vice President for Administration at Morgan Community College in Fort Morgan, Colorado.

His second career began in 1981, when he left higher education to become the Vice President for Administration for Hamlin Electric Services, Inc. He then served as the Assistant Manager for MORTEC Industries in Brush. He "retired" in 1999 when he and Connie returned to Fort Collins and purchased Vern's Liquor in LaPorte. He also worked at Larimer County in the mail room until 2010.

Ken was involved in many volunteer activities throughout his life including serving on the Brush RE-2J School Board, the South Platte Board of Cooperative Services and the Brush Housing Authority. He was President of the Brush Chamber of Commerce in 1980 and was a member of the Fort Morgan Elks from 1963 until his death. He was also involved in the Republican Party, serving as county chair in Morgan County.

An avid CSU Rams fan, he and his daughters could be found cheering at almost all CSU sporting events. When he could, he loved traveling to away games and was especially delighted when CSU played in bowl games and at the NCAA tournament.

Survivors include daughters, Ann Hutchison and Robyn Hutchison, both of Fort Collins; and sister-in-law, Anita Hildebrand, also of Fort Collins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Mabel; his sisters, Vivian Diemoz and Velma Forrest; and his wife, Connie.

In celebration of Ken's life, a "Happy Hour" will be held on Friday, October 2, at the Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry St., in Fort Collins. Attendees are invited to wear their favorite CSU Ram gear and to join the celebration from 4:30 p.m.

to 6:00 p.m. with a short program at 5:15 p.m. Memorial donations can be made through the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and will be directed to Colorado State University, Morgan Community College and the Brush School District. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 2. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Elks Lodge
1424 E. Mulberry St.
Fort Collins, CO

Tribute Wall

KH

“ *Ann and Robyn - We were so sorry to read about the loss of your Dad. I remember meeting and visiting with the three of you at the Colorado State football games. You were always great supporters and always had a good time together. It was so nice to see you spending time with your father. I also remember being able to share watching a Colorado State game via the PC displaying on a large monitor at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. May the pain of your loss be replaced with the loving memories as time heals your heart. Keith D. Miller and Nila Hobbs*

Keith D. Miller & Nila Hobbs - September 27, 2015 at 01:01 AM

BK

“ *I worked for Ken when he was Business Manager at Morgan Community College in the 70's. Each year we entered the college's budget on an antiquated key punch machine housed in the downstairs bank vault at the old Farmers State Bank building in Fort Morgan. The machine weighed a ton but it punched delicate holes in small cards. There were many codes to use and remember, each indicating something different. Ken took hundreds of those coded cards to UNC each year whereby another machine would analyze the holes and spew out the budget report. We always had a good laugh completing that delicate work for the college in that poorly lit, single-bulbed, stuffy basement bank vault way back when. Ken was always such a respectful and patient person. I will remember him in my prayers. Blessing to you - daughters. Bonnie Kuntz*

Bonnie Kuntz - September 23, 2015 at 03:43 PM

JD

“ Ann and Robyn,

I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept my condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jody (Jones) DeKorte

Jody DeKorte - September 23, 2015 at 08:32 AM

MR

“ Thanks to Ken for starting me in higher education administration. He was my mentor as I worked directly under him for a year at Morgan Community College. I took his position after he left the college. We had many good times together. He gave me a very good introduction to administration. The last time that I saw him is when he made a special trip to my retirement party. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and relatives.

*--Merle and Lynda Rhoades
"Gone but not forgotten"*

Merle Rhoades - September 22, 2015 at 10:35 PM

CZ

“ It was always a delight to see Ken snuggled close to "the sisters" on numerous occasions. He was awesome. You could always see that twinkle in his eye as he was so proud of his girls. Man, could they laugh when they were together and it will always be something for us to behold. Loved it! It was wonderful to see two grown women so engaged with their dad. We will miss his "catchy" smile. Be strong, girls. He is now with your mom.... we send you our love. Brian and Carol Zick

Carol and Brian Zick - September 21, 2015 at 10:00 PM

LW

“ Allyn and I are truly sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please know you are in our prayers and thoughts in these sad days. You were so close to your dad and will miss him beyond words - but you will never regret the quality time you spent together. Those are the latest memories we have - seeing you together at CSU functions! God bless you all.

With sincere sympathy.....Lenore and Allyn Wind

Lenore and Allyn Wind - September 21, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JR

“ I had the honor to meet Ken at the Mountain Cafe when he invited me to sit with he and his friends one day several years ago. That's the kind of gentleman he was. From then on I enjoyed many lunches there with Ken. He'd ask about my family and tell me about his. We'd talk about all types of subjects and I'd ask his well considered opinion about this or that current issue. And he always had one. I can hear him now having 'spirited' conversations with the Angels. I will miss him. Sorry I will be out of town on 10/2. Jerry Roselle

Jerry Roselle - September 19, 2015 at 04:30 PM