



Michael Blinn Dickinson

February 23, 1947 - September 7, 2013

Mike Dickinson, 66, of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away September 7, 2013 at the McKee Hospital Pathways Hospice Center in Loveland, Colorado. Mike was born February 23, 1947 to Aaron and Sylva Dickinson. Known as "Pabull" to his grandchildren, Mike was a third-generation dairy farmer and native Coloradoan. Each morning he was up at 4:30 a.m. to read his Bible and say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings in his life. He truly loved going out every day with Sam, his Border Collie, to work with "his girls," the dairy cows. He bought his first few cows from his father to start Mountain View Dairy in Loveland. Over the years, he continued to expand his herd and operations, where today, 2, 700 cows are milked daily. Mike was proud that the next generation of his family is able to continue his legacy as a dairy farmer and will continue operations at Mountain View. Throughout his career, Mike was involved with numerous dairy organizations promoting the dairy industry. He served on the Western Dairy Association Board of Directors from 1981 until 1999, serving as Chairman from 1986 until 1997. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Mountain Empire Dairymen's Association MEDA from 1981-1992, which then became the Western Dairymen's Cooperative Inc. WDCI in 1992. Mike's leadership service for the co-op now known as Dairy Farmers of America continued until 1997. Mike enjoyed playing handball with his buddies at the Fort Collins Club. He was an avid cyclist and reveled in challenging himself to long rides. He also had a love for travel, which took him on many trips around the world. He was an active member of the First Baptist

Church of Loveland, serving as the chairman for the Church Property Committee. He was also a member of the Ft. Collins Rotary & the T-Bone Club of Greeley. Mike's warm smile and his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Aaron and mother, Sylva. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Roselle Ros Dickinson of Fort Collins, CO; his two brothers, Keith Sue Dickinson of Durango, CO, and Robert Karen Dickinson of Fort Collins, CO; his three daughters, Lisa Brad Kerbs and sons Colton and Brandon of Gill, CO; Michelle Dickinson Martin Ontiveros and children, Tyler, Stella and Jolie of Loveland, CO; Kristin Ed Moyer and daughters, Madison and Mackenzie of Hot Sulphur Springs, CO; and his wife's son, Kurt Barbee and sons, Adam and Gavin of Loveland, CO. Mike was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. His wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all his family and friends. A celebration of Mike's life will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Loveland, 1003 W. 6th Street, Loveland, CO 80537. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80525; or to First Baptist Church of Loveland at the address above.

Tribute Wall

FB

“ I have so many great memories of playing with my cousins on the farm, and I'm so glad I got to see Mike in July. What a wonderful family visit, and what a blessing to be with Mike. My heart hurts to know he's gone. My condolences to all the family.

Frances Barnes - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ I met Mike approximately 20 years ago when I was first learning to play handball at the Fort Collins Club. Always willing to share and encourage a new handball player, Mike gave me a pair of handball gloves the first time I played. As you know, used handball gloves are a source of pride, and I still have that pair. Mike was always laughing and smiling, finding humor and happiness in the things he touched. He will be sorely missed by many, many people.

Heidi Tillquist - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted. Sincerely,
The 3 Thayer girls, Donna Mc Creery Kay La Bau Marian Johnson

Marian E Johnson - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mike, way too early in life. Mike did have a wonderful sense of humor and I always enjoyed the few times we were together. Families just don't get together often enough.

Audrey Dollar - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ Please accept my condolences for your recent loss of Mike. My parents, Ed and Freda Hilgenberg were good friends of Sylva and Aaron many years ago. We were all members of the First Baptist Church of Fort Collins when it was located on Remington Street. We felt as though we were "family" and spent many many Sundays at the Dickenson farm or at our house on LaPorte Avenue. Many fond memories of wonderful experiences with all of the Dickensons come to mind. Mike was always full of fun and he and his brothers thoroughly enjoyed teasing all of the Hilgenberg girls. Mike grew up to be a fine beloved man and he will be greatly missed. Comfort comes from knowing he was a child of God and God's faithful servant. We will all meet again in our Heavenly home. My thoughts and many prayers are with you all. God Bless you and give you strength and peace during this difficult time.

Edwina Hilgenberg Ingraham - September 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My condolences to your family. I grew up down the road and Mike was always a good friend to my family and he will be missed. My heart goes out to your family.

Tristen Muniz - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

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Linda Manchego - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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Linda Manchego - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember all the sophomore girls being in love with Mike when he was a senior at FCHS--so handsome, yet humble too! He was always so nice when I would run into him occasionally over the years. He was enjoying a CSU basketball game the last time I saw him. Prayers for your family.

Mary Hickey Lacock - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Even though I was not able to make it down for Mike's services, I just wanted to send our thoughts and prayers to you all. Mike was a wonderful man, with a great sense of humor and an amazing smile. I feel very bless to have known him. He will be very missed.

Melody Barkhurst - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Wanted to extend my prayers and sympathy to the entire Dickenson family. My family Hilgenberg was apart of yours as I grew up and as I was named after Mike's mother I feel a great loss. My prayers are with the family at this time. Lots of memories of Sunday dinners at the farm, and my dad helping milk. Sylva deGrootHilgenberg

Sylva deGrootHilgenberg - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Dickinsons, My condolences to all of you in Colorado. Many great memories of Mike from the time we were children in the 1950s to later working on the farm in the late 1960s. Much hard work, but always a fun element that I always wanted to return to and be a part of. Getting hay in, swimming in Boyd lake -- all priceless memories for me. Mike came up to Seattle mid/late 1980s and we had a lot of fun going to the Pike Place Market where he got to see them throwing salmons around. He bought one and shipped it back to CO -- a real fish, not a "land fish" as Keith would say. It was a great blessing that all the cousins got together this past July to visit. And Mike made it up to visit with us at Bob's: still the same great guy, good humor, wonderful presence.

Don Barnes - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ To the wonderful Dickinson family, We are so sad and very sorry for your loss. You know, Mike and Ed had a junior high connection, and I had the pleasure of greeting all of you beautiful ladies as you passed through the kindergarten doors of Timnath Elementary. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are available if you need anything. Our Love, Geraldine Brezinski and Ed Benedict

Geraldine Brezinski - September 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM