



## Michael Andre Tolmachoff

June 1, 1946 - October 14, 2011

Michael Tolmachoff, 65, was born to Andrew and Ruth Tolmachoff in Lancaster, Calif. He was a math teacher at Fairview High School in Boulder, and a professor at UNC. He is survived by his wife, Janice; sons, Geoffry Brooke and Jack Tolmachoff; daughter, Erin James Larkin; mother, Ruth Tolmachoff; brother, Wayne Tolmachoff; sister, DruAnn Lynch; stepdaughters, Jennifer Stoughton, Margaret Doell; stepson, Jason Shannon Stoughton; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Andrew Tolmachoff. Memorial services will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Collins, at 10 a.m. on Oct. 18, 2011. Memorial gifts may be made to American Heart Association or Pheasants Forever. Bohlender Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CO

“ As we prepare for the class of 1985 reunion next summer, I was looking through our yearbook and saw Mr. Tolmachoff's face... I had to see where he went... so much of what he taught me help me pursue my own Math Degree. I'm sad to hear of his passing.

Christine Odle - November 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ I had the pleasure of having Mike as a tutor while studying at Aims Community College. He was a great person and was one of few who was able to make sense of a subject that was foreign to me. His family will be in my thoughts and prayer. He will be greatly missed. Thanks, Mike, for the mango habanero sauce recipe. I still make it every summer.

Robert - April 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Dear Janice, It was with great sadness that I learned of Michael's passing. Whenever we corresponded he referred to you as his bride. I am so sorry that your time together was so short. You meant the world to him. I hope that you are comforted by the wonderful memories you created together. Thinking of you. Shirley Resich

Shirley Resich - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ He was a great professor, I had him a few years ago for a math class, I remember loving the class and learning a lot. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and helping me obtain my teaching degree. You will be missed by many.

Mia LeCompte - November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I want to offer my condolences to "Choff"'s family. He was my Honors Geometry teacher at Fairview in 1976. He was the first teacher to give me the grade I earned he said I'd earned a C, but he'd give me the D for bad attitude, instead of the grade I had the potential for. He also took the time to sit me down and say "I bet everyone has said you have potential." I nodded. He continued, "maybe you don't. Maybe you are dumb. Maybe you'd better try harder to find out." His tough love kick-started my academic effort, and I continued on to Harvard, and later to Stanford. I have always given him the credit for waking me up, and yet still being kind to me. He was funny and friendly, and had the best printing of any man I've ever known. He is a real loss to the academic community and his friends.

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**Ann MacKenzie Satterthwaite** - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ On this beautiful afternoon on October 19th, 2011. I was just walking out of Michner Libarary at University of Northern Colorado picking up UNC Mirror, home to our campus newspaper. I want to grab some time catching up news before heading to work and saw the name that looks much familiar to me, with sadness, Tolmachoff was a great guy with good heart to all of our students who took or currently taking his Math classes. I was able to take his class in Spring 2010 and enjoyed much of his laughs, instructions on math. He was able to share the humor with each student. I was always the last person to leave out of his door because I want tobe able to chat with him, get some of his help on math, talking life in general. I was able to shake his hand and tell him thank you for all you do! I never enjoyed math but with his generous help and humor, he made my math learning much easier. Thank You. May God Bless You and your family! : Nouri M. Marrakchi

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**Nouri Marrakchi** - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Tolmachoff family! So sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed! He was a great math teacher!*

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**Carmen Hoffmann** - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ *Dear Janice and family... Rich and I first met Mike when he started teaching at Fairview. Throughout the years we shared many highs and lows together. However, the highs which were filled with laughter are what we'll remember with great love and fondness. At math parties from Fairview, Mike could always out eat anyone. He taught me how to cook mushrooms that can really complement a steak. When he and the guys from the math department would go to Nick's in Boulder, Mike would brag that he could outeat all the guys in omelet size.....and he did. A few years ago, Janice, we met you when we were visiting from Australia. We were at a bar-b-que in Niwot. It was obvious that Mike truly loved you and when you started your new life together, Rich and I wanted only the best for you. We're so sorry for your loss. and that your time together has been cut short. When you remember the good times together, may it bring a smile to your face and warmth in your heart. Virginia and Rich Kleine*

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**Virginia and Rich Kleine** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Janice - My heart goes out to you and your family. Michael will be greatly missed here at UNC. Mike was a great teacher - his students loved him. I always appreciated his humor - always good for laugh. And then there was his cooking abilities! We would all get excited when we heard that Mike was bringing in his famous lettuce wraps :- . And in getting to know Mike, we got to know his "bride". Janice you are an awesome lady, if there is anything we / I can do, please ask! Take care.

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**Diana Moore** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. I remember "Choff" from back in his days at Fairview High School. While I never had him for math, he was my street instructor for drivers ed. I will always remember him for making it fun and making us all drive thru McDonald's because "you need to learn to maneuver these drive thru lanes". Really, he just wanted an ice cream cone. He was always known as the teacher that made things fun.

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**Sandi McDonald Rinker** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Tolmachoff, We are so sorry for your loss, you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Tammy, Gary, Brandt and Rylee Daniels

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**Tammy Daniels** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I just want Mike's family to know what a joy he was to work with at UNC. I place student teachers, so I had the wonderful privilege of working with him as he supervised our students out in the field. We often had great little chats about living in Eaton also. I live there and, in fact, his wife taught both of my children when she was teaching at Eaton Middle School. I will miss seeing him around UNC very much, and will especially forever remember his great smile and gregarious laugh. Take care and may God be with you at this time.  
Marita Johnson

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**Marita Johnson** - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am a student of Mr. Tolmachoff's at the University of Northern Colorado in one of his math classes. Our math class is small, and we took to calling him "Big T" or the occasional "Mr. T". He only protested when we called him "Doc" or "Coach". Big T was a great person and always entertained us with stories of shooting things and the adventures of his trusty side-kick Priest. Although we have only known him for the semester, we all loved him and our attendance record was surprisingly high for a college math course. He made every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday entertaining and a little educational, not specifically on math but on life in general. He will be missed dearly but his jokes and one-liners will be carried on by our little math class. He and his family are in our thoughts and prayers; he is a man whose personality cannot be matched. We will truly miss him. Sincerely, Abigail Huebner and the students of Math 099 of UNC

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**Abigail Huebner** - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“*Janice and family, I had the pleasure of talking with Michael often when he would walk down the hallway in Ross Hall at UNC. He was a pleasure to talk with and he always asked how I was doing. He was a fantastic teacher and we were very lucky to have him teach for us. I will miss his outgoing personality and his caring for students and co-workers. I never saw him without his big smile. You have my sincere condolences and your family and friends are in my prayers.*

*Bob Heiny*

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**Bob Heiny** - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM