



## Reed Michael Hanlon

January 30, 1951 - June 29, 2023

Reed Michael Hanlon, a resident of Fort Collins, Colorado, peacefully departed from this world on June 29th, 2023, surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on January 30, 1951, to Edward and Dorothy Hanlon in Peoria, Illinois. He was raised in Peoria and remained close to several of his neighborhood buddies. He lived in many areas of the country but finally settled in Seattle, Washington, where he raised his two sons.

On July 8, 2004, Reed's life changed forever. On a motorcycle trip to Colorado he met his future wife Barbara. They had a long distance relationship for a year and a half and were finally able to unite in marriage on November 16, 2006.

Reed is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Hanlon, devoted son, Josh Hanlon, step-daughters, Sarah Ross (David), Rachel Tabone, Kelly Johnson, Shari Prather (Kenny), his five cherished grandchildren, Mason, Vincent, Colt, Weston, and Brynn, and his faithful dog, Chica. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Dot, treasured son, Ian, and his brothers, Mark and Bob.

Reed was a loving and caring father. He was always positive and fought hard to remain alive as long as possible in order to be with his family.

Affectionately known as the "Random Word Generator" among his close friends and family, Reed delighted in a multitude of hobbies, including riding motorcycles, playing Frisbee golf, playing pool with his son Josh, preparing incredible meals for his loved ones, as well as the maker of the best

espressos in Fort Collins. He found pure joy in navigating the scenic Rocky Mountains on his motorcycle, embarking on annual rides to rallies across the nation, where he rendezvoused with his buddies for evenings filled with camaraderie, cigars, and Scotch around the campfire. However, his most treasured moments were spent in the company of his family.

Reed was well-read and knew many different facts that he used to jokingly say “no one cared about but him”. His absence will be deeply felt by his adoring family and friends, and his memory will forever be cherished. A Celebration of Life in honor of Reed will be held Saturday, August 12th from 10am - 12pm at Odell's Winery Taproom.

Reed Michael Hanlon will forever be remembered for his zest for life, his unwavering love for his family, and the lasting impact he made on all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his strong spirit serve as a guiding light in our lives.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local Homeless Shelter or Humane Society.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **12**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Odell's Winery Taproom

# Tribute Wall

DP

“*Reed will be forever in our hearts. He always greeted us with kindness. He and Robert shared several motorcycle rides in the Colorado mountains (at speeds we will not discuss) He was an amazing cook and for a vegetarian, he grilled the best damn steaks ever. Reed you will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. And thank you for introducing me to my precious friend, Barb. 4-ever in our hearts. Donna and Robert Pina.*

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**Donna Pina** - July 12, 2023 at 05:40 PM

CJ

“*So sorry to hear of Reed's death. So many great memories! Living next door to our cousins just added to our fun times with all the neighborhood kids! Always a great time at grandma's with our cousins too!! Growing older we lost track of each other sadly but will always cherish those precious memories. Rest in peace cousin! Wishing the family peace and comfort.*

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**Chris (Butler) Jewell** - July 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM

PR

“*So sorry to hear about Reed's passing. Remembering the days of the cousins going to grandmas house. Living next door to the Hanlon's was so fun! RIP Reed! I just wish we would have kept in touch better. Now the Hanlon family are all deceased and all together again. ❤️*



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**Peggy (Butler) Rickard** - July 09, 2023 at 12:02 PM

JF

“ So sad to hear that Reed has passed. Many great memories growing up with all the Hanlon boys. Sorry we have not kept in touch better over the years. My heartfelt sympathy.



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**Jan Fletcher** - July 08, 2023 at 03:55 PM

GY

“ 6 files added to the album Reed's Peoria and Illinois life-long Friends



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**Grant Youngman** - July 07, 2023 at 05:15 PM



“ Reed had a way with words, and a quick wit. I remember telling him about a long-ago love of mine who broke my first heart. When I saw her 45 years later she told me her version of why she broke up with me. Not how I or Reed remembered it at all. His response? "Youngman, she rearranged your emotional living room!". Oh we laughed! Love and miss you Reed. I'll miss our darts and cigar time. My deepest sympathy to your family.

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**Tex Texan** - July 07, 2023 at 03:01 PM

DW

“ *My sincere condolences to the Hanlon family.  
I graduated from Richwoods high school with Reed in June of 1969.  
My best memory was a Costa Rican Off Shore Fishing trip in  
February, 2004 with high school buddies, Reed, Ric Johnston, Ron  
Amundsen (our host), Grant Youngman and his son Jon. Great  
group of guys and many fond memories for all of us!  
Rest in peace my friend..*

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**David Wand** - July 07, 2023 at 10:26 AM

JS

*I knew Reed during his stay in the Seattle area. We drove dump trucks  
and had lots of good times, a good guy. Lost touch when he moved to  
Colorado. Just googled him and learned of his death. He was a sharp  
and funnyman.*

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**Jos Shannon** - October 09, 2024 at 01:47 PM