



Rex Lappin

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Rex Lappin of Fort Collins, Colorado peacefully passed away on March 13, 2013. He was 77. Rex was born in Topeka, Kansas to Fra Bicknell and Carl Lappin. Rex lost his father in 1945 precipitating a move by Rex, Fra, and his sister, Pat, to Tonganoxie, Kansas. This turned out to be a serendipitous move as this is where he was to meet the love of his life, Barbara Ann McGee. Rex was an eagle scout in secondary school and completed his education with a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas. He remained a faithful alumnus until the day of his passing. Rex joined the Navy to serve his country from 1951-1955. The year 1955 turned out to be the best year of his life as this is when Barbara Ann took his hand in marriage. Rex and Barbara's son, Michael Rex, was born in Tonganoxie in 1956. Patricia Renee joined the family in 1967 while the family was living in Oklahoma City. Rex and his sister, Pat, continued their close relationship bringing their families together for reunions in Telluride, Colorado and New Orleans, Louisiana. Rex worked for Munsingwear in Oklahoma City and Edmond, Oklahoma for over 25 years, prior to semi-retirement in Fort Collins, Colorado. In Fort Collins, Rex managed the family rental properties and was an active volunteer for the Democratic Party. Rex was the author of many articles published in the Fort Collins Coloradoan. Rex and Barbara have many friends from the Oklahoma days and developed a new circle of friends immediately after moving to Fort Collins. Rex's canine friends were also a huge part of his life. There was little in Rex's life that made him happier than the Kansas Jayhawks winning yet

another basketball game. However, he was careful not to gloat when the Jayhawks beat Barbara, Renee, and Michael's beloved Oklahoma State Cowboys. Rex was a caring and loving father that treated all people fairly and equally. Rex is survived by Barbara, Michael, Renee, and Cassidy, his dear 4-legged friend. A private ceremony will be held in Fort Collins to celebrate Rex's life.

Tribute Wall

TO

“ Please accept my belated and most sincere condolences on Rex's passing. Just today, I was informed that he died. I did not know him very well, but shared some great conversations with him during our sales meetings while at Munsingwear.

Tom O'Connor - May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ BARB, So sorry you lost Rex. I saw you last at the twenty reunion in Tonganoxie, you both looked great and happy. It's nice that you have your son there for you, I'm happy for that. I know you will miss him most and it's like lossing half of yourself. You have my heart felt sarrow. I wish you well, I hope that you will find comfort in your many happy memories, friends and family. Spence

Spence Sturgis - April 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Sorry to hear about Rex. Will always remember the vet and the pool in Oklahoma when we came to visit. You and Rex had a special love like your mom and dad. That special ornery nature that made you laugh and know the love ran deep. God bless and love you all in your hour of need. With Respect

Debra Shirar - March 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Barb, Renee and Michael, I just want to say that Rex will be sadly missed. I have always held you all in my heart and my prayers. Though I was not born into the family you all made me truly feel like family. Even though we've not spoken in years I still love and care for you. Though it seems I'm on the outside looking in I know that with your family I'm actually loved. May your loving memories keep and sustain you. Love always, Brenda

Brenda Trisler-Shirar - March 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have fond childhood memories of the Lappin family visiting Pat, Woody, Janet and Kerry Keller in New Orleans, LA. Always a treat to be with such a fun and wonderful family - usually walking the streets of the french quarter and eating crawfish. Rex had an infectious smile and a big heart for his family and friends. Blessings on his loved ones this day and always.

Joann Scott Milford - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was a great Progressive and we will miss Rex a lot. His friendliness and sense of humor will always be remembered.

Julie Gionfriddo - March 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ RIP

Dawna Custard - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Remember you from back in OKC. Always the nicest person. Go Jayhawks!! win on more for Rex..RIP

Diane Davis - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Barbara Our sympathy to you and your family. We remember fondly many good times with you and Rex at the McGee home.

Ed & Carol Slawson - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ sent to Michael Lappin

jack and barbara dowdy - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Renee and I were classmates at EMHS. I just read her dad's obituary in the Edmond paper. First, I'm so sorry for your loss and wish you warm memories and God's comfort during this time. Second, I smiled a bit when I read that he was a KU graduate and Jayhawk basketball fan. Renee wanted me to share with you that my brother is the KU basketball coach. That was news to her until now. Hoping the Jayhawks' March performance will give him even more reasons to rejoice!!

Shelly Self Anderson - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss Rex's great attitude and upbeat way of greeting me on the phone. Your whole family is in my thoughts but especially you Barbara- know I am here for whatever you need. Love ya!

Stacy Hale - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Mike and Cat, Barb and Renee - we were so sorry to hear of your loss but believe that Rex is at peace - perhaps with some of his 4-legged friends. He will live on in our memory as an exuberant force of nature - he was certainly larger than life. With sympathy, Lynelle and David

Lynelle Johnson & David Maggs - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Rex, You are the best and we shall remember you forever!! Love you, Barb, Michael and Rene. Shall miss our phone calls, rest in peace! Lloyd

Lloyd & Marilyn Brandt - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Michael, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. The sorrow will slowly fade and be replaced with all the wonderful memories through the years. Tom and I always enjoyed reading Rex's articles in *The Coloradoan*.

Beth Dickson - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Very sorry to read here that Rex has been called up to that great silent choir. Rex was a good friend and we shared some good Navy times as well as being good friends at THS

Bob McEnulty - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ I sure will miss my Dad! He was a real neat man and taught me SO much about life and business. My most favorite times were when we'd sit with our guitars and sing and play music....many times with 3-part harmony as Mom joined in, and at other times with a good family friend, Lee Gans joining us on the banjo! Dad & I had grown so much closer in recent years and his counsel on MANY varied topics will be greatly missed. Love you, Daddy!

Renee Lappin - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all the Lappin family from all the Russell family.

Loretta Russell - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Renee, I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Prayers for you and your family. I remember when I was over at your house visiting or for a Girls Scouts activity and your Dad would sign to me using only fingerspelling. I thought he was the neatest guy! Please tell your mom, I'll be thinking of her and have such wonderful memories of when we were kids hanging out at your house! hugs, Sweetie and hang in there

Aletha Garner Lingo - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you today and always. You all in my prayers. love, Lisa

Lisa Kysar Turner - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *In lieu of flowers or gifts, Rex would have loved for a donation to be made to either the Food Bank for Larimer County www.foodbanklarimer.org or Animal House Rescue of Fort Collins www.animalhousehelp.org.*

Cat MacPhail - March 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM