



Richard Paul Emery

July 20, 1957 - March 28, 2025

Rick Emery, a Colorado native passed away on March 28th, 2025, at the age of 67. He was known for his love of the outdoors, his generous spirit, and his unwavering commitment to his family and friends.

A true lover of live music, Rick was especially drawn to the soulful sounds of the blues, which resonated deeply with him throughout his life. He had a deep love for fishing, spending countless hours on the water, where he found peace and joy. He was also an avid sports fan/Broncos fan, season ticket holder, and was able to attend Super Bowl 50, his top bucket list item.

In 1988, Rick purchased Lakeshore Marina Condos and moved to Fort Collins, where he became a beloved figure in the Horsetooth Reservoir community. In 1990 Rick met his wife Lori. With the help of his wife, he founded Ridgetop Builders Inc., a company that reflected his hard work, dedication, and love for craftsmanship.

He was also known for being a wonderful husband, father and friend — someone who could light up any room with his humor and kindness. He was thoughtful, resourceful, patient, and one-of-a-kind. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lori, and his three children: Auburn, Kyle,

and Danielle. His mother, Carol Emery, and his siblings: Larry Emery (Suzanne) and Denise Emery-Ward.

May his spirit forever echo in the soothing waters of Horsetooth Reservoir and in the soulful notes of the blues.

Funeral Services will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel on Friday, April 4th at 3:00pm, 121 W. Olive St, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Special Olympics Colorado <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Specialolympicsco>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

CK

“ My husband and I got to know Rick while he was building our guest house and game room north of Fort Collins. I got to know him and his gentle spirit and his sense of humor. I’m so sorry for your loss Lori. I just now found out that Rick had passed over a year ago. I live here in Texas and haven’t seen him since my husband Gary Kloberdanz passed away in March 2020. I moved away shortly thereafter. He was a great guy and everyone that worked for him had nothing but the highest respect for him. Again Lori, I am so sorry for your loss.

Carol Kloberdanz - April 11 at 06:17 PM

DH

“ Rick, it has been a year since you left us and not a day goes by that I don't miss seeing your truck pass me going around the lake, or that I want to pick up the phone and ask you to stop by the District office. You were always my champion, and my friend. You are missed deeply.

Darla Howard

Darla Howard - March 30 at 04:58 PM

LD

“ Rick, you will forever live in our hearts and fondest memories. Calling Lori, Little Lisa and Big Lisa the 3 crazy Kansas chics always had me smiling. Your amusement of the ‘Kansas chics’ was always so much fun! Vince will always cherish the fried chicken, Tuesday night fishing trips! You helped his stress levels beyond measure! Rest easy now our dear friend! We love you!
Vince & Lisa Duncan



lisa duncan - April 24, 2025 at 09:02 PM

EM

“ It’s hard to imagine the Horsetooth Reservoir community without Rick. In all our years up here it seems like everyone knew him yet we’ve never met anyone with a bad word to say about him. He was an absolute pillar of the community and an amazing human. There has never been a better neighbor and friend. His memory will always be a blessing to the Meyer family.

Erin Meyer - April 04, 2025 at 10:23 AM

EM

**pillar of the community. Sorry Rick. You have me so upset I messed up your tribute.*

Erin Meyer - April 04, 2025 at 10:26 AM

WM

“ We are saddened to learn of Rick’s passing, Lori, but take consolation in knowing that Rick’s example of cheerfulness, hard work and friendship made a huge difference in the Fort College community and in our own lives. Rick did wonderful work on our house renovations and gradually became a valued advisor and good friend. I often thought how much I admired his manner and that it would good to work alongside him. We send our love and thoughts to you and your children. Bill and Gee Gee Mygdal

william mygdal - April 03, 2025 at 07:14 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear of this Lori. Rick was always a bright light when he came through my dull business doors. He will always be one of my favorite clients, who became a friend. May God bless you and yours.

Jay S Robinson - April 01, 2025 at 11:31 AM