



Richard Arthur Sommerfeld

July 4, 1933 - June 26, 2016

Richard (Dick) Sommerfeld, PHD, died Sunday June 26, 2016. He was born in Chicago to Arthur Sommerfeld and Leona Ciarmoli Sommerfeld. He is survived by his wife, Susan Wilmer and sister, Carol Reich, as well as many nieces and nephews and their children. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1965 with a PHD in Geophysics. During graduate school, he worked several years for the University of Washington on an ice island above Barron Alaska researching blowing snow. He spent most of his professional life working for the U.S. Forest Service, studying avalanche prediction and the effects of pollution of snow on the snow pack. He also partnered with his wife owning a number of bookstores, most currently Old Firehouse Books in Old Town Fort Collins.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Book Industry Charitable Foundation, 713 W. Ellsworth Road, Suite A, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or make a donation online at <https://donationpay.org/binconfoundation/>.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 7/10/2016 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 10. 3:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Oh, Susy, I am so sorry. Dick did so much for me that there are no words to comprehend it; and I learned so much from him and had so much fun doing science with him it seemed almost criminal. I have thought of you both often since I was transferred. I wish I could send you comfort with this note.

Kay Laird

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