



Roger Kent Sugden

July 2, 1949 - June 26, 2011

Kent "Pipes" Sugden

Roger Kent Sugden, born in Lincoln, Nebraska on July 2, 1949 to Virgil and Roberta "Pittman" Sugden passes away early Sunday morning, June 26 at the age of 61. Kent had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer on Dec. 3, 2010. Kent grew up in Douglas, Neb., graduated from Douglas High School in 1967, and moved to Colorado and lived in Left Hand Canyon outside of Boulder where he sowed some wild oats until 1976. That done, he then returned to Nebraska and farmed the family farm for the next 15 years. Kent met his wife Pam while visiting his cousin, Dennis Pittman here in Fort Collins. Kent was raising his son Joe, who was due to graduate from high school a year and a half down the road, so after thousands of miles of visits, and Joe graduated and off to the military, Kent again returned to Colorado where he and Pam were married. Kent started his own business doing remodeling and general construction work. He was a skilled craftsman and many are enjoying the fruits of his labor all over Fort Collins and the surrounding area. Kent loved people and never knew a stranger. He had an open mind and an open heart. He had always been an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He loved his new life in Colorado and being a natural athlete he embraced many new activities: such as running, biking, kayaking, hiking, skiing and snowboarding. Kent loved to play, and he and his wife and usually an entourage or friends traveled extensively. He was an avid cyclist and a natural leader, and organized many fun outings for friends, including a yearly

week long bike ride Rock the Ridges and a yearly cross country ski weekend. Everyone looked up to Kent because he always had all the answers, even if he sometimes made them up. He loved to cook, and everyone enjoyed his wonderful meals and his companionship. He was an incredibly nurturing, supportive, loving and giving person who only saw the good in everyone. Within the last couple of years, Kent discovered two more activities he fell in love with: sailing and working with disabled skiers through the Children's Hospital and the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park. Like everything else he undertook, he became accomplished at both and looked forward to more sailing trips to the BVI and becoming a certified ski instructor. He gave the phrase "Live Life to the Fullest" a new meaning. He had many loves, but nothing came before his family and friends and those that fall in those categories also know the true definition of friendship because of Kent. He gave 150% in everything he did whether it was biking, boarding, building, cooking, fixing things, looking after everyone. Kent dealt with his cancer in true Kent fashion. It never occurred to him that he couldn't beat it. He continued to live his life, and was making plans for the future until the very end. His strength was an amazing thing to witness. Kent is survived by his loving wife, Pam Sugden; his son, Walter Joe Sugden; his mother, Roberta Sugden, his sister, Billie K Lefholtz and brother in law, Rod Aden; his nephew, Curt Lefholtz; dear friends, Shawn and Tressa Evans; and his grandsons, Aiden and Avery Evans; many cousins and countless friends. A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2011 at Timberline Church, 2908 S. Timberline Rd. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Children's Hospital or the National Sports Center for the Disabled, Winter Park, CO in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Dear old neighbors and friend...My thoughts and prayers are with you today and for the many days ahead...Kent was the best and he will be greatly missed by all that loved him..I'm so sorry for you all.....Marcene...

Marcene Malone Josephson - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Pam - I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Kent was such a wonderful person. The last time I saw him was when he came into the shop shortly after he had the surgery for his cancer. He told me they didn't get it all, but it didn't seem to bother him. There are many memories of Kent around the house and the shop in his craftsmanship. We'll certainly miss him. I'm sorry I didn't make it to the funeral - it's been kind of hard to attend funerals since Don's. Kent and you as well as your family are in my prayers and thoughts.

Pat Wunsch-Don's Keyway - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ My parents and Kent's were very close friends thru the Methodist Church. Kent and I were both born the same year and as a result, we were very close friends as children. We lost track of each other thru the years but when I read what is written about him, there is nothing here that surprises me. It sounds like he lived life to the fullest and cared deeply for others. He was one of the nicest guys I ever met and it deeply saddens me to see that he has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Kent's family. Rest in peace, Kent.

Ron Norris - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ As an independent contractor myself, I had first met Kent while he was working on a home in our neighborhood. His work, skills, and character were outstanding! My appreciation for him grew quickly and when I was limited by time, ability, or the scope of a job I was asked to bid on, his name and number were my first recommendation: He could do any job! Kent was never limited by anything other than a full schedule which was usually booked out months in advance. As an outstanding person and true craftsman he will be greatly missed.

Wayne Rutt - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I don't know what to say for sure. I can tell you this much, he was the best friend I ever had. No matter what I needed help with, he was always there for me. I am so sad, I will miss Kent forever.

Robert Focken - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Kent was such an incredible life force. We were so lucky to have been able to spend some glorious days in the BVI sailing with Kent and eating his wonderful cooking. Safe journeys Kent. Our love to Pam.

John & Michele Pope - June 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I met Suggie many years ago in Lincoln and enjoyed sharing some good times with him. He's in my prayers. Michael Border

Michael Border - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Good bye old friend. You will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.
As long as I live there will be Bob Hahn & Kent Sugden stories told.
Love & Peace, Bob & Bug Hahn*

Bob & Bug Hahn - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM