

Larry Keckler – BS 1969 Medical Technology

Age 75 – Divide, CO

Larry Bill Keckler passed away on August 18th at Forest Ridge, Woodland Park Colorado. He was born to William and Mable (Leesley) Keckler in Fargo on June 20, 1946. He was baptized and confirmed at St Williams Church in Argusville, ND. Graduated from Grandin High School during which time he learned to play the drums and sang successfully in competitions. After high school he went on to graduate from NDSU with a BS Degree in Medical Technology. For the next chapter of his life, Larry moved to Colorado to pursue his love of the outdoors. He was active in many sports and loved motorcycles, hiking, and camping in the backcountry. Later his interest turned to horses, and he became an accomplished horseman earning four separate national championships in Competitive Trail Riding. He also received a certificate for completing the entire Colorado Trail on horseback. He and his wife Mary Ellen spent many vacations in Ireland riding cross country at various equestrian centers.

Larry retired from the Penrose St Francis Health System after 34 years where he worked in the medical microbiology department of the laboratory.

He is preceded in death by his parents William and Mable Keckler. Grandmother Tressa Keckler. Surviving him are his wife Mary Ellen Keckler, his sister Ann Marie (Elwood) Huyke, Bradenton, FL, and his brother Tim (Julie) Keckler, Argusville, ND.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for September 10th at noon to 2:00 PM at McGinty's Irish Pub in Divide Colorado.