



## Russell Lyman Mertz

October 5, 1955 - September 22, 2017

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Russell Lyman Mertz, 61, of Greeley, passed away Sept. 22, 2017 at his home.

Russell was born on Oct. 5, 1955, in Thornton, CO to Lyman and Betty Jo (Kendall) Mertz.

He grew up in Adams County where he attended school. He was married to Valerie Snyder in 1974 at Henderson, CO. They made their home there before moving to Green Bay, California and back to the Greeley area. They were later divorced. Russell worked in oil rigs, egg plants and construction for many years.

He later married Julie Boyer in Dec. 2005 and they made their home in Greeley. He was currently the supervisor of maintenance at the Birchwood Manor at the time of his death.

Russell loved crossword puzzles, camping, fishing, and anything outdoors. He was an avid woodworker and a huge Colorado sports fan.

He is survived by this wife, Julie Boyer-Mertz of Greeley; daughters, Nadeena Randall of Milliken, Rebecca Mertz of Firestone, Jannice Mertz of Evans; granddaughters, Sage Randall, Kayla Carter, Payton Shelley, Jaidyn Mertz, Berkleigh Mertz; great-granddaughters, Penelope and Addalynn; sisters, Margaret (John) Keeler of Florida, Helen (Kent) Bohac of Alaska/Washington; brother, Jack (Pat) Mertz of Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Russell will be greatly missed by all.

Cremation was held and no services are planned at this time.

Online obituary and guest book are available at [www.moserfuneralservice.com](http://www.moserfuneralservice.com).

# Comments

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“ I worked with russ for 3.5 years. At first I was skeptical if we could work together. I think if he had a choice he would work alone, but over time we started to be partners at work. I began to understand him over time. He was a complex man with many sides. He was a private man. did not open up to just any body. Eventually he did begin to trust me and share his life with me, and I am glad.. the guy could fix anything!!!, and I mean anything!! He was a mechanical genius. smartest guy I have ever met. He taught me a lot and I am a better maintenance man since I worked with him. go Broncos

Jason Frazier - March 12, 2018 at 11:15 PM

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“ Yes Jewell, he did whistle while he worked, and on a good day he even sang. We knew when he passed our hall door because he was whistling.

Judith A. - September 28, 2017 at 05:44 PM

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“ I admired and appreciated Russell for his wide diversity of talent and quality of work as maintenance supervisor.  
He was very consciencious about the job being done well!  
Some of us here at his workplace caught glimpses of his wit and laughter, which was rather rare for most of us to see because he was so focused on his work projects.  
He was so proud of his little great grand babies. He bragged on them and showed off their photos.  
We'll miss Russell.

Judith A. - September 28, 2017 at 05:38 PM

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“ We will miss you Whistle While You Work

jewell - September 27, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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“ We will you whistle while you work.

**jewell** - September 27, 2017 at 11:37 AM