

Russ Butler Obituary



Russell L. Butler II of Evergreen, Colorado passed away on December 11, 2009.

He was born on January 9, 1946, in Midland, Michigan and has lived in Colorado since the early 1980s. An avid skier, fly fisherman, loving husband and attentive father, creative artist, animal lover, and caring grandfather, Russ was an insatiable force of life to all that knew him. He has dedicated his entire career to the landscape architecture industry in order to create environments that leave the world a better place. Russ earned a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University in 1969, studied at the Cleveland Institute of Art, and received a Master of Arts in Graphic Design from Kent State University in 1983.

Over the course of his 40-year career, he helped reconstruct the country of Rwanda and headed up international projects in Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq, Nigeria, Saipan and China, in addition to his work throughout the United States. Russ was honored with endless awards and he was inducted into the prestigious Council of Fellows, FASLA in 2002. After twenty-eight and a half years as design principal and vice president of San Francisco-based EDAW, Inc., Russ took the opportunity to join studioINSITE of Denver's River North Art District which was founded by his friend and well respected colleague, Dennis W. Rubba, RLA, ASLA.

Russell is survived by his wife and best friend of thirty-three years, Deborah, daughters Christine M. Marshall (Jon) of Clayton, California, Jessie L. Pellant (Joshua) of Boise, Idaho, Tracy Hoffman and his father-in-law, John Cheney Humphreys of Dayton, Ohio. He is also survived by his two grandchildren Jacob and Jordan, sister-in-law Patricia DeWeese (James) and several nieces and grandnieces. Services will be held Thursday December 17, at 11:00am at Rockland Community Church in Golden, CO with burial to follow at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, CO. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of choice in Russ' name.