



## Dennis Arnold Hanson

March 15, 1950 - May 28, 2023

Dennis Arnold Hanson

On Sunday, May 28, 2023 Dennis passed away at age 73.

Dennis was born in Denver on March 15, 1950 to Phyllis and Arnold Hanson. A life-long learner, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Math and Computer Science from Colorado State University, then on to the University of New Mexico where he studied architecture and finally to the University of Denver where he received his law degree. Prior to practicing law, Dennis was the Planning Director for Summit County, Colorado. After law school Dennis practiced law, first for a private firm, and then for the City of Thornton, Colorado. On November 30, 2013, Dennis married his long-time partner Robert Power, after a very long engagement of 20 years.

Dennis had a passion for helping others. First through scouting, then as a Vista volunteer in New Mexico. When he moved to Corvallis, Oregon in 2010, he volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Old Mill Center for Children and Families. He was also a volunteer campground host in Yellowstone National Park for several summers where he met many great friends and did many great motorcycle rides. Dennis was an avid bicycle rider and completed a 3800 mile solo bike ride from Colorado through Wyoming and Montana, into Canada and over to British Columbia before working his way down the Pacific

coast to Tijuana, Mexico. He was also a member of a gay biking group in Colorado, accomplishing many gnarly rides through the mountains of Colorado and the canyons of Moab, Utah. Dennis also had a love for crafts through the years, including stain glass and gardening. He also started hydroponic gardening indoors when he could no longer work in the yard. In his very full life he built so many wonderful friendships and cherished them all.

Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Arnold, his mother Phyllis and his brother Alan. He is survived by his husband Bob, his sister Sherilyn (Dennis) Scheiwe, nephew Joel (Iantha), niece Erin (Owen) Rockwell, and several great-nieces and nephews. Dennis did not want a service but hoped that people would consider a donation to Old Mill Center for Children and Families. <https://www.oldmillcenter.org>

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dennis and I were best friends in high school, at Hinkley High in Aurora, CO, 1966-1968. After high school my family moved to Minnesota, and Dennis and I lost touch after a year or so. I have always regretted that. I was so sad to hear of his passing...and it brought back many memories of over 50 years ago. My sincere condolences to his family and friends, and especially to his sister Sherilyn, who I remember from all the time I spent at the Hanson home back in those days. And I remember the fun Dennis and I had, especially cruising around in his Volkswagen Beetle. We were pretty cool...for a couple of nerds.  
Chuck Hunt, Blue Earth, Minnesota

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**Chuck Hunt** - January 09, 2024 at 07:47 PM

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“ Dennis and I attended the same church in Aurora, CO in the mid- to late 80's. We went to breakfast every Sunday after church. He was a good listener and friend. Lost touch after he moved, but I knew his mom and dad from church too. RIP my friend.

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**Susan Schneckner** - September 16, 2023 at 04:40 PM

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**Suzzy** - June 11, 2023 at 11:28 AM

JP

“ *My big bouquet of flowers. You took such great care of your gardens only one I've seen in person, the other in a video. 💕💕*



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**Joan Power** - June 04, 2023 at 07:31 PM

LG

“ *Dennis was the president of the Bicycle Boys From Hell (later named Rocky Mountain Bicycle Boys) when I took up the sport in 1994. He and Bob planned a multi-day club ride on the White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park. After a particularly grueling fifty-two mile day in the saddle, we worn out riders pedaled into our campground to find Dennis and Bob serving frozen daquiris - they had hauled a chest of ice and a battery-powered blender into the desert to surprise us. He and Bob were quite a team and a joy to be around. R.I.P.*

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**Larry Ginzkey** - June 02, 2023 at 11:05 AM

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**McHenry** - May 31, 2023 at 07:58 PM