



Dewitt "Skip" Chandler

June 4, 1946 - March 5, 2025

DeWitt "Skip" Chandler born June 4, 1946 departed this world with dignity on March 5, 2025. Survived by his loving wife Judy of 58 years. Adored and respected by his children Kristie (Steve) Cervi, Kerrie (Daniel) Studen, and Kurt Chandler ; Grandsons: Michael, Nick, and Christopher Cervi, and Benjamin Studen, Grandpup Graci, who brightened his days. Also survived brother Doug (Linda) Chandler and family, numerous nieces and nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins and loyal friends, especially Karl Birch. Preceded in death by parents Charles E. and Jeanne Chandler, brother Charlie "Chuck" Chandler.

He was a graduate of South High School, class of 1964 and Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. He was an educator in Pueblo School District 60 for almost 30 years, beginning his career at Keating Junior High School, then spending the majority of his career at Central High School. He was greatly respected and influenced countless numbers of students as a science teacher and a coach.

Skip treasured his time in the great outdoors of Colorado with his family and friends: backpacking, camping, ATV adventures, hiking, fishing, and hunting. These are loves that he joyfully passed on to his children and grandchildren. In his later years, he especially enjoyed target shooting and teaching others about shooting, reloading shell casings, and gun safety.

Nothing was more important to “Poppy” than his family. He will always be a pillar of strength, knowledge, determination, and inspiration for all who knew him. He was especially proud of his children and grandsons. He loved being with his grandsons teaching them everything he knew and encouraging them to always do their best. “Poppy” was incredibly invested in their day to day lives, no matter where they were.

Skip was an eclectic, endless source of information and curiosity. He was a master of organization. He loved solving problems or doing research to find the answer. He will be remembered most for his generosity, a willingness to help anyone with anything at any time, his great sense of humor, and especially for the way his HUGS enveloped and warmed your soul.

Celebration of Life: Friday, March 14, 2025, St. Joseph’s Hall/KSKJ Lodge #7, 917 East B St., Pueblo, CO, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Hall in the Grove, KSKJ Lodge #7
917 East B st.
Pueblo, CO

Tribute Wall

AE

“ Diane and I were shocked hearing about Skip. We always enjoyed his company and were just getting to know him better. He was one of a kind will be missed greatly. Alan and Diane Eickelman.

Alan Eickelman - March 15, 2025 at 03:37 PM

DD

“ I remember great times with Skip. I will never forget his unique ability to knot a cherry stem with his tongue, training his dog to climb up and down a ladder, and his fantastic laugh. He was a great teacher, and a wonderful friend.

Our condolences to Judy and the family

Mindy and Dennis

Dennis Driscoll - March 14, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DP

“ So sorry for your loss...prayers and sympathy. Doug and Denise Pearson

Denise Pearson - March 14, 2025 at 11:41 AM

RP

“ Russell P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.

Russell P. - March 13, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.*



March 13, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.*



March 13, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *To Toph &family The MAS Ski Team Big Sky planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.*

To Toph &family The MAS Ski Team Big Sky - March 13, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ *I had Coach Chandler in early 70s at Keating what great man he wasmy deepest condolences to his wife and family....rest in peace skip u were one of a kind . 🌹🙏🌹 . From Kenny garbiso.*

Kenny garbiso - March 13, 2025 at 12:53 AM

CJ

“ Catherine J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.

Catherine J. - March 12, 2025 at 10:57 PM

XR

“ Xoxo Love, Renae purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.



Xoxo Love, Renae - March 12, 2025 at 09:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.



March 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.

March 12, 2025 at 04:13 PM

AB

“ Judy and family my condolences and prayers to you for the loss of Skip. He was an awesome person and as everyone acknowledges his HUGS were always there when he greeted you. He will be missed by many and will never be forgotten. "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal".

ALICE BIRCH - March 12, 2025 at 03:08 PM

DA

“ I am heartbroken. Skip just got me interested in Google Earth and camping sites around the state. His folks were good friends of my folks. I worked with him at Central (where he was a real prankster). He helped me in my first years of teaching to learn the ropes. My prayers go out to all of the family.

David K Alexander - March 12, 2025 at 10:29 AM

MV

“ Much love my dear friend. Vicki purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.



Much love my dear friend. Vicki - March 12, 2025 at 10:03 AM

DD

“ We were so fortunate to meet Skip last spring when we came to Pueblo. He was so warm and welcoming. Our thoughts are with the entire family. Sending love & good vibes from Canada.

Diana Duchscherer - March 11, 2025 at 05:22 PM

KR

Thank you Diana and the entire family. He loved having you at his home and meeting all of you.

Kristie - March 12, 2025 at 05:27 AM

LE

“ *Love from Canada (Diana & everyone) purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Dewitt "Skip" Chandler.*



Love from Canada (Diana & everyone) - March 11, 2025 at 05:16 PM

ML

“ *Skip is now at peace and no longer in pain. I will miss him and his strong hugs he gave whenever I saw him. Prayers and hugs to all the family. Love you all!*



Mary Lou - March 11, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LC

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



LINDA CHANDLER - March 11, 2025 at 02:07 PM

LC

BROTHERS NOW - BROTHERS THEN

LINDA CHANDLER - March 11, 2025 at 02:08 PM

ST

*sorry to hear of your brother passing Doug Prayers to the family Sue
Grisham Turner*

sue grisham turner - March 12, 2025 at 11:29 AM