

# ROBERT H. DICKERSON

*Just before the printing deadline for this issue, I received some very sad news. Rob Dickerson, a friend and long time member of the PLSC, passed away last week. Many of us knew and liked Rob, he was a person of unusual merit, integrity and character - a true gentleman. When we needed straight facts without the usual spin, we could call him. Rob was an enormous credit to the profession, and his loss will be felt throughout the industry. I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends on their loss.*

*- JB Guyton*

Robert H. Dickerson of Boulder, CO, passed away at home with family and friends at his side on Wednesday, April 12, 2006, a life cut short from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Born June 2, 1956, in Billings, Montana, Rob was one of 5 children born to Reid and Phyllis Dickerson. The family resided in Loveland, Colorado, where he graduated from Loveland High School in 1974. Robert continued his education achieving degrees from Metropolitan State College, and a Masters in Civil Engineering (Geomatics) from Purdue University.



As a professional land surveyor and Geodesist, Rob was involved early in the development of GPS technology and most recently with Trimble Navigation, where he was instrumental in the development of Trimble Business Center and Spectra Precision Survey Office. He loved the outdoors and was most happy when he was able to combine his work with a good hike.

Rob was the true quintessential westerner. He loved the outdoors and nature. A rock or mountain was there to climb, a trail to hike or ride, a river to fish or float, snow to slide down, stars to camp beneath. He quietly enjoyed it all yet shared his pleasure with his boys, his wife and all those who knew him. But most of all Rob had a gentle observant sense of humor. He saw life's irony and presented his view in a reserved, succinct, witty and caring way. We will all remember Rob's humor as a most endearing strength.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Wendy Bigelson and two sons, Jacob and Samuel Dickerson, all of Boulder; his parents, Phyllis (Reid) Dickerson of Grand Junction, CO; brothers: James (Dot) Dickerson of Fort Collins, CO and David (Vicki) Dickerson of Phoenix, AZ; sisters: Anne (Bob) Pate of Spokane, WA and Kathryn (Don) Lowe of Denver, CO; mother-in-law, Ruth Bigelson of Bethesda, MD; sisters-in-law, Jani (Frank) Drohan of Washington D.C., and Cherie (Martin) Woodard, of Sperryville, VA; brother-in-law, Darshan Singh Kahlsa (Carol) of Reston, VA; three nieces, five nephews and one great-nephew and numerous friends across the country. Contributions may be sent to Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA. 02574 or to the Educational 529 Fund for Jacob and Samuel Dickerson c/o Wachovia Securities, 1919 14th Street, Boulder, CO 80302.