

In Memoriam – Donald Hansen, PLS

Don was born in Lake Forest, Illinois, June 8, 1948. He was a second child, with one brother and four sisters. He began surveying in 1967 after graduating from high school, and a brief stint at Colorado School of Mines. In 1969 he was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam. When he returned, he continued surveying until 1985, when the economy created hard times in Colorado, and he surveyed in Minnesota and Illinois. In 1993, Don came back to Colorado and worked for JR Engineering in the Colorado Springs area until 1999, when he started with CDOT that October. In 2003 he served as Director in the Central Chapter of the PLSC. He was also instrumental in the placement of the Mile High Marker on the Capitol steps, a project that no other city can lay a claim to. He also did most of the work to establish the CORS station CTMC in Golden.

Don loved spending time with his family and friends. He liked reading and was fond of science fiction. He was obsessed with pruning trees. He always carried pruning shears and a saw in his truck. He was always the first to help someone out whether it was jumping a car, fixing a flat tire, or helping someone move.



Don was a 40-year member of the American Legion (affiliated with Denver Post 185).

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Don was always the first to help a fellow surveyor with a survey problem. He liked having lively discussions about the legal aspects of surveying with his fellow surveyors.

He very much enjoyed the PLSC and the comradery with his peers that the organization provided at the annual and monthly meetings.

He appreciated history, especially as it related to surveying. He enjoyed maps of all kinds and took a particular interest in the old railroad valuation maps. Above all, Don was proud to be a land surveyor. He will be missed and his diligence towards his work has always been willing to go the extra mile for any task given.

A complete obituary will be available at www.allstatescremation.com. The family invites you to post your articles and memories there.