



## Richard Arthur Holman

June 24, 1947 - November 28, 2016

Richard Arthur "Rick" Holman passed away Monday morning following complications of an aortic dissection. Rick was born in Butte June 24, 1947 to Richard C. and Wilma E. (Speraw) Holman. He attended the Blaine Elementary School and graduated from Butte High School in 1965. Rick also attended the Kinman Business University in Spokane.

Rick lived in Spokane, Seattle, Palm Springs and Houston before returning to Butte in 1992. He owned and operated Pet Shop and Bird Clinic in Houston from 1974 to 1984 the P.S.B.C. Wholesale Inc and Wonderful World of Pets in Humble, Texas. He also worked as a bookkeeper for Garcia and Brady Construction in Porter, Texas. Following his return to "the last best place on Earth" he owned and operated the S & L Ice Cream store until it's closure in 1996. He was a founding member of BASS (Butte Aids Support Services) and served as executive director for many years. He currently was the house manager for the Mother Lode Theatre. He was active in many civic efforts and a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he served as a lay leader and served on the Board of Trustees for Mountain View / Trinity United Methodist Church .

He enjoyed antique collecting, traveling, genealogy and dearly loved his pets. Rick was a member of the Cornish Cousins and the Silver Bow Kiwanis as well as the Texas Riders Motorcycle Club for 20 years where he served as president for 8 terms. He traveled to Europe several times and all over the United States.

Rick is preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Wilma Holman and his partner, Tony Montgomery. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Tom and Evonne Holman, niece, Darlene Holman and great-nephew whom he adored, Xander Strand all of Butte as well as numerous cousins that were very dear to him.

Memorials in memory of Rick may be made to BASS, P. O. Box 382, Butte, MT 59703.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Moriah Cemetery

2415 S. Montana Street  
Butte, MT 59701

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (MT)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
1621 Thorton  
Butte, MT 59701  
aldersgate@bresnan.net

## Visitation

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home  
1800 Florence Ave  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 723-3221  
<https://wayrynen-richards.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arthur Holman.*



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December 02, 2016 at 05:43 PM



“ *Timm Rice, 2217 Hackberry Dr., Arlington, TX 76013 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Arthur Holman.*



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**Timm Rice, 2217 Hackberry Dr., Arlington, TX 76013 -**  
December 02, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *Rick, I always admired your spirit and love for everyone around you, and your resilience. I only wish we had gotten a chance to meet again in this life. I'll always remember your signature phone greeting whenever you'd call me at MTAP, "Am I going to make you cry again?" after that one huge miscommunication we had (and then you brought me flowers like the sweetheart you were!). You made me cry again today Rick. You changed my life and I'll always be glad to have known you. All my love, Heather Tomlins*

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**Heather Tomlins -** November 30, 2016 at 10:13 PM

BF

“ One of my latest memories was at Tom's retirement party. When I was leaving you gave me a big hug as always and I said goodbye. I had my little granddaughter Brinly with me and I asked her if she was going to say good bye to Ricky too. She put a big smile on her face and yelled.....Good-bye Ricky-two!!!! I went to the Mother Lode tonight but it was so hard not to see you there. It will never be the same. You will be missed my friend 😞

Barb Flink - November 30, 2016 at 12:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard Arthur Holman.



November 29, 2016 at 08:28 PM

EG

“ To all who will miss you Rick your family on many shores, your friends in "high & low places" You will live in my/our hearts & memories forever! Till we meet again! So Long good buddy!

Erin Garlinghouse - November 29, 2016 at 07:34 PM

JS

This is truly a loss for all of us. God has his hands full processing this new found Angel, but Rick has had 69 years of practicing for the part! So many memories of Rick while I served on the Montana Gay Men's Task Force. He was kind, gentle and always was laughing. I remember cooking breakfast with him and he was adamant that we use water in the scrambled eggs, NEVER milk! It's because of him that I, to this day, I always use water. Our world will always be colorful knowing Rick was a part of it. He was always spreading the rainbow love to all that came in contact with him, now he is part of the real rainbow! God bless and Rest In Peace my brother, till we meet again! ❤️😞

JJ Swails - November 30, 2016 at 02:50 AM



Anna Duran

*You were a mentor and good friend. We will miss you so deeply. Always looked forward to the call to tell me to report to duty.*

**Anna Duran** - December 02, 2016 at 09:36 PM

NE

*“ Rick, You were one of the first people i met when i came to Montana to work with the AIDS Program. I treasured your kindness, commitment and sense of humor. I'm grateful that we continued to keep in touch on Facebook. I am going to miss you so much. Thank you for your friendship and may God bkess your soul and your family and friends. With Love, Nikki Economou*



**Nikki Economou** - November 29, 2016 at 06:57 PM

BJ

*“ Rick you will be missed. One of the many things I loved about you was your sense of humor. When I worked at the Oasis and Bob was still with us I always gave the two of you a bad time about messing my chairs up and you always would go and straighten all the chairs in the casino just to give me a bad time. I will miss your huge hugs. Love you sir. Bets Johnson*

**Bets Johnson** - November 29, 2016 at 06:24 PM

SC

“ Oh Rick, how I will miss you. I will tell the world, I learned more about love and committed relationships watching you and Tony together than I ever did watching any "straight" couple. Thank you for that, my friend. I wouldn't be who I am without you and Tony.

When he died, and you sang, "wind beneath my wings", oh dear lord....Rick, it was terrible. You sir, did not sing well, but you sang with heart and love. So, so, so much love. I can't even imagine how hard that was for you.

I love you rick. I would love to sing that song at your funeral. you amaze me and have made me a better person. I will miss you.

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**shayla cox** - November 29, 2016 at 06:14 PM

DP

“ Dennis Pearson lit a candle in memory of Richard Arthur Holman



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**Dennis Pearson** - November 29, 2016 at 05:59 PM

KO

Good Bye My Very Dear Friend, You will Never Be Replaced, And Will Be Missed. Take Care Of My Son When You Get There. He Will Keep You Busy!!!! Kookie

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**Kookie** - November 29, 2016 at 07:33 PM

CM

*Oh Rick. I am so saddened by your passing and the thought of Butte, your family and friends, Montana, without you. I loved working, laughing, and fighting together for people with HIV, walking in parades, dressing up as nuns (was that me, you, or both of us?) to educate and entertain our brothers. I hated to see you, such a generous, loving and compassionate being, in so much pain. And yet you rose to so many occasions, doing the right thing, helping others all the while keeping that charming smile on your face. Now you can rest.  
I will miss you. Claudia*

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**Claudia Montagne** - December 01, 2016 at 02:18 PM