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# Peter Sprenkle



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2969 Baseline Road  
Boulder, CO 80303

## UPCOMING SERVICE

Celebration of Life

Sep, 25 2021

2:00p.m.

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**P**eter McKee Sprenkle, 84, of Boulder, Colo. died June 11, 2021 of myelofibrosis. He lost over 40 pounds during his over six year battle but never lost his sense of humor, positive attitude and zest for life. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, June Coyle Sprenkle; daughters Holly Sprenkle of Boulder and Linda Sprenkle Timmons (Paul Timmons) of Conifer, CO, grandchildren Julia McCue of Nashville, TN, Kate Timmons (Hunter Zimmerman) of Everett, WA and Jackson Timmons of Denver, CO. Pete was born January 14, 1937 in Lansing, MI. He grew up in Andover, Ct, attended Windham (CT) High School and graduated from the University of Miami (FL) in 1957 with a BBA in Marketing. He was on the track team at Miami, treasurer of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha and a member of the Baptist Student Union. His parents William Howard and Elizabeth McKee, his brother Robert McKee and his son-in-law Paul McCue preceded him in death. Pete was a family man first and foremost. He treasured his wife, kids and grand kids. Even when working late at night at IBM he would be home for dinner, putting the girls to bed before digging into the briefcase. He very much enjoyed watching and supporting his kids and grandkids in their many activities - sports, music, poetry, film making. Pete and June loved to travel and visited many different places (Central America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand). They especially liked to travel with their kids and grandkids, every other year visiting their favorite vacation spot - the Mauna Kea Resort on the Big Island in

Hawaii. One of Pete's most terrifying and memorable experiences was as a child surviving the Hartford, CT circus fire July 6, 1944. He spent 35 years with the IBM Corp. in New Haven and New London, CT; Westchester County, NY; NYC and Boulder in many management positions, including a two year assignment at the University of Colo. Business School, retiring from IBM in 1992. He was involved throughout his life at his churches (at present Pine Street Church, Boulder) as well as the Ossining, NY Board of Education from 1969 - 1973 serving two years as President; a member of the Boulder YMCA Board of Directors for four years; Foothills Kiwanis Club, with many years on the Board of Directors; as well as the Lady Buff Basketball Booster Club from 1986 - 1990. However, his most significant community service came in the form of his support of youth sports, mainly softball and baseball. Pete was a youth sports coach for over forty-one years. He started in the Jesse Collyer Baseball/Softball League in Ossining, NY in 1975 when his daughter Linda signed up to play and her team did not have a coach. Starting out as a brand new coach his team won their first game 3-0 and he was hooked. Following two years in league administration, as well as coaching, Pete moved to Boulder, Colorado in the fall of 1977. There was no girl's softball program in Boulder in 1978 so he traveled to Gunbarrel and signed up to coach a team in that league. During that summer he also worked with the City of Boulder to help organize a four team league in Boulder. Following that season, in October 1978, he founded the Boulder Valley Girls Softball Association. In the ensuing years Pete wore many hats: \* Coach in the "A", "B" and "C" classifications in summer softball, in the 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U age groups. His teams won nine state and four regional championships as well as numerous league and tournament championships with an overall record of over 1500 wins in more than 2300 games. \* President or Treasurer of the local softball organization - 1978-2000. \* Tournament Director of numerous tournaments. \* Many tournament committees, including four national tournaments. \* Founder, BVGSA Summer Softball Camp, Director for eight years. \* Organizer and instructor of softball skills clinics, summer camps and coach's clinics. \* Developer of four practice fields for Boulder Competitive Girls Softball \* President and Director of the Colorado Girls Softball Coaches Association. \* Organizer of the Lady Warriors summer program in 1998. \* High School softball coach at Centaurus and Boulder High schools 1998-2002. \* YMCA Youth Tee Ball/Baseball coach 2003 - 2007 \* Girls fast pitch coach 10U - 18U 2007 -

2015 \* Developed the Ball Drills and Tips coaches support web site with over 333,000 hits \* Author of A Softball Coaches Tool Kit and A Youth Baseball Coaches Tool Kit In the Spring of 2009 Pete was one of two softball coaches in the USA who were recognized with the Liberty Mutual Responsible Coaching award. The coaches were selected by an independent judging panel for their exemplary dedication and commitment to responsibility in youth sports. In March 2017 Pete was recognized by USA Softball of Colorado with a Lifetime Achievement award. In May 2017 Pete was honored by the Boulder Valley School District who named the field where Pete practiced and maintained for many years the Pete Sprenkle field. Pete's passion and commitment to girls fast pitch softball and his dedication to making his players better players and individuals will be greatly missed by all those with whom he came into contact. The family wishes to express their deep gratitude to Dr. Mark Sitarik and the wonderful people at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Center as well as the transfusion nurses at Boulder Community Health. Donations in Pete's memory may be made to Boulder Community Health Foundation, ( [www.bch.org/foundation/ways-to-give/](http://www.bch.org/foundation/ways-to-give/) ) or Pine Street Church, 1237 Pine Street, Boulder CO 80302. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Greenwood & Myers. A Celebration of Pete's life will be held at Pine Street Church, 1237 Pine Street, Boulder on Saturday September 25th at 2p.m. Former players and coaches are encouraged to wear a uniform shirt (if it still fits!). Ties not necessary.

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