

FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: In Memory of Roger Armin Fuehrer

Carina Mendez
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Spouse: Carol Albright

DOB: November 6, 1937

Blessing Date: August 25, 1995

Ascension: April 14, 2025

Seonghwa Ceremony: Monday, April 28, 2025 at Colorado Family Church, 137 N Julian St, Denver, CO 80204

Roger was born on November 6, 1937 in Denver to Armin and Dora Fuehrer, who both were born in Nebraska.

His siblings were Richard, Robert (Bob), Kathryn, and Ruth. Blessed in marriage in spirit and heart to Carol Albright.

Roger grew up attending the Epiphany Lutheran Church where his father was on the Council and choir and his mother was the church organist for over 50 years.

The family dog when Roger and Bob were young was Tippy.

Armin and Dora bought a cabin up in the mountains, near Central City, that the family enjoyed for many decades and inspired Roger's love for the mountains and hiking. Bob recalls one of his favorite memories was tobogganing with Roger in the Foothills when they were young teens.

Roger grew up in the Washington Park neighborhood of Denver and attended South High School as did his siblings, all at different times. He was active in tennis club, skiing, and the school choir. After graduating, he went to Midland College in Nebraska, then transferred to Colorado State University, graduating with a degree in Science and Engineering.

Roger served as a sergeant in the US Army after being in ROTC in high school. He was honorably discharged in 1964. Roger then worked for the Bureau of Reclamation learning about dams, realizing the impact they have on the environment.

This, along with his love for the mountains and hiking, sparked an interest in Roger that carried over into a passion for mountain conservation that lasted the rest of his life. He served as Director for the Colorado Environmental Coalition and lobbied to protect numerous mountainous areas throughout the state. His sister Ruth remembers his apartment where Roger would put up sayings and positive affirmations about things he wanted to accomplish in his life.

Roger met the Unification movement in the 1960s, and was always passionate about "The Principles." He traveled to participate in many historical church events, such as Yankee Stadium, Madison Square Garden, and Washington Monument.

He was a pioneer in mountaineering, climbing all of the Colorado 14-ers as well as most of the 200 highest peaks in Colorado. He also was heavily involved with the Colorado Mountain Club. The Colorado Mountain Club has a collage Roger created of Colorado climbs hanging in their hall in Golden. Internationally, he climbed the Matterhorn in Switzerland, and led two treks into the Himalayas over 20,000 ft in altitude, along with many other peaks in the US and Europe. For many years, Roger would give detailed slideshows about his many climbs to mountain climbing groups and hiking enthusiasts. He contributed to climbing publications and most notably co-authored The Guide to Colorado Mountains.

Roger decided to enter the wholesale souvenir business in the early 90s. He worked with small businesses, mostly in mountain towns, selling them custom souvenirs he mostly designed himself, for them to sell to tourists. Roger also sold custom brass belt buckles and Colorado mountaineering, hiking, and travel books, some of which he was a contributor for. Then he purchased his sister Kathryn's custom feather jewelry business as an add-on. He traveled Colorado and neighboring states in his van delivering products to souvenir shops for about 20 years till his retirement in 2020.

In 1995, Roger and Carol participated in the Blessing ceremony, along with 360,000 other couples, including Roger's own parents, Armin and Dora.

Along with his climbing accomplishments, Roger's lifelong passion of classical music and singing led him to join the Classic Choral and the Colorado Symphony Chorus, as well as numerous smaller choruses and choirs in the Denver area, spanning many decades. The Colorado Symphony Chorus sings mostly locally with the Colorado Symphony in Denver but has also sung in Vail and Aspen most summers as well as performances in Europe. Roger loved it all. His crowning moment was his opportunity to be a backup singer for Andrea Bocelli twice. His love for music, singing, and performing filled his entire life right up until his passing.

Roger lived in Denver all his life. He had unwavering passion for his spiritual beliefs, traveling, singing, hiking and eating good food. He definitely lived his passions. His unique personality and sense of humor added to his one-of-a-kind character. The one thing he had to say about his passing was "I will be very busy in spirit world." And of that, we have no doubt!