

and very effective punishment for troublemakers: the offender had to follow him around for a whole day at school.

Colin's final jobs before retiring included working in a computer store and as Unemployment Specialist for the State of Colorado.

During his retirement years, Colin enjoyed playing computer games and watching sports of every kind on TV. He also beta tested for Microsoft and answered user problems. This was just for enjoyment; he received passes to their annual conventions but never attended. Colin had been a voracious reader, but as cataracts began to develop, he found it harder to read for any length of time.

Early in 2019 Colin began to have trouble swallowing. This led to the insertion of a stomach tube for feeding him a nutritious formula, a diagnosis of throat cancer and surgery (on his birthday) to insert a tracheostomy. Over the spring and early summer, he also had several surgeries for kidney stones. He joked about this because whenever another surgery was scheduled, it would fall next to a holiday. Even after he could no longer talk, Colin still told jokes to his doctors- he just had to scribble the jokes on paper. In the fall, he also had a series of radiation treatments and began immunotherapy treatments. Because of the surgeries and because of his numerous severe nose bleeds, he became quite familiar with Aurora Medical Center and the emergency room. He died in hospital on January 21, 2020.

Colin was preceded in death by both of his parents and by his daughter, Heather (Jonathan Walker). He is survived by his wife, Ardith; daughter, Stephanie (Mark Hughes); and by his grandsons, Calvin Marquardt, Alex Marquardt, and Fox Hughes; his sister, Geri (Glenn McCoy) and niece, Lori; and by his brothers-in-law, Gerry Epp (Ruth) and Richard Epp (Brooke) and their families.

Colin was a highly intelligent and very unusual person. He is, and will be, missed.

Tree

Raise me like a tree;
Sink my roots deep in Thy Word
And lift my leaves to Thee.

~Colin Barnhorst

Colin Barnhorst

April 24, 1942 – January 21, 2020



Memorial Service

*November 4, 2020
First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado*

Celebration of Life

Pre-Service Music	Romaine Anderson & Vicky Mierau
Welcome	Glenn Balzer
Invocation	Claudia Aguilar
Scripture- Psalm 103:1-6	Calvin Marquardt, grandson
<i>O Love That Will Not Let Me Go</i>	FMC Choir
Stories & Memories	Gerry Epp, brother-in-law Richard Epp, brother-in-law Dr. Barry Blyton, Oncologist
Time of Remembrance/Eulogy	Mark Hughes, son-in-law
<i>We Are Not Alone</i> (words and music by Pepper Choplin)	FMC Choir
Slideshow	Fox Hughes, grandson
Prayer of Remembrance and Release	Glenn Balzer
<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>	FMC Choir
Closing Words/Meditation	Glenn Balzer
Benediction	Glenn Balzer

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*Thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Service, including:*

**Pastors:** Claudia Aguilar and Glenn Balzer

**Music Coordinator:** Charlie Ferguson

**Musicians:** Romain Anderson and Vicky Mierau

**Slideshow:** Fox Hughes

**Video Editing:** Glenn Balzer

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Colin's memory can be honored by sending contributions to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

Psalm 103:1-6

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me,
Bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And do not forget all his benefits-
Who forgives all your iniquity,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from the Pit,
And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord works vindication
And justice for all who are oppressed.

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## Colin Barnhorst Life Story

Colin Gregory Barnhorst was born in San Antonio, TX on April 24, 1942. He lived in that area until he left home at the age of 17 and joined the US Army. After his enlistment ended, he left the service. Colin had accepted Christ as his Savior during his late teens and now joined Bible Christian Union to study in their Bible training program. It was in their Brooklyn headquarters in 1962 that he met his wife, Ardith. They were married the following year and relocated to Dallas, TX where both their daughters, Heather and Stephanie, were born.

Colin worked as night clerk in the YMCA and later in a downtown hotel while studying at the University of Texas at Arlington. Due to his YMCA duties, Colin was required to testify, re: Lee Harvey Oswald's stay there, at the Warren Commission's investigation into President Kennedy's death. (Because his name was in the Warren Commission's report, Colin later got several requests for his autograph.)

At UTA he earned his bachelor's degree. A move to Philadelphia followed, where he taught math in a public school, studied at Temple University, and earned his master's degree. He also took all the courses required for a doctoral degree but decided not to do the doctoral dissertation. He worked in school administration, as assistant principal and then principal in PA, CO, and TX. As assistant principal and responsible for discipline he used a novel