



Ricky Lee Green

December 13, 1946 - December 5, 2025

Ricky Lee Green, a proud lifelong resident of the Denver, Colorado area, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, December 5, 2025, just eight days shy of his 79th birthday. Ricky dedicated his life to service, country, and family.

Born in Denver on December 13, 1946, Ricky was a blessing as an only child to his loving parents, the late Booker T Green and Ida Mae Green.

He was a native of Denver and attended Denver Public Schools. At the age of nine he became a member of the Denver Boys Band where he learned to play the trombone. and learned to read and write music. With his skills and knowledge he was able to teach music, with even one of his students keeping in touch with him until Ricky's death.

Ricky graduated from Manual High School in June 1965 as a proud Thunderbolt and enlisted in the United States Air Force in September 1965. His enlistment was during the Vietnam Conflict. He never saw battle but had the honor to play Taps on the trombone, for his military brothers and sisters who did not survive the conflict. He even had the opportunity to play in several college bowl parades and various military functions. After completing his service to his country he was honorably discharged and returned to Denver.

Ricky then embarked on a 30+ year career as a civil servant for the United States Postal Service; It was there that he met the lovely Debra Cook who was a co-worker. Debra had also recently been honorably discharged from service with the Army and was also a musician. He and Debra were married in 1970 and had three wonderful and beautiful children together, Rich, Jade and Melody. With both parents being musically inclined all three kids played an array of instruments and participated in orchestra and band. Ricky and Debbie built a foundation that assured each child with the opportunity, encouragement, and support to earn college degrees. After they divorced they remained amicable and friendly.

In Ricky's free time he rebooted his childhood hobbies of fishing and hunting. He was an avid outdoorsman and had never given up the outdoorsman spirit, but just had more time to indulge.

In 2012 Ricky met Eunice Brown and they fell deeply in love and dated for eight years before marriage. They created a happy and loving home. Ricky adapted to the role of patriarch very easily. He loved and embraced all the children and grandchildren from both sides of the family as his own.

His leisure time was spent sitting on the front porch or patio listening to his wind-chimes, playing X Box, listening to music and meticulously curating his beautiful 50 gallon home aquariums.

He kept a pair of binoculars on the patio to bird watch, his telescope for star gazing and an easel and canvas for whenever he had the urge to paint. No matter which activity he was engaged in he was never without one of his famous hats. He had a collection of over two hundred hats. Surprisingly, he had sported every single one of the hats at least once. There was never an occasion when he didn't take pictures and if the opportunity presented itself he liked to dance.

Ricky is survived by his loving wife Eunice; His children Rich (Melissa), Jade, and Melody (Jon); His grandchildren Francesco and Layla. (Bonus Family) Frank, Erin, Trea, Hayet, Eriel, Essence, Christian, Ingrid, Angie, previous wife Debra and a host of family and friends.

Ricky will be remembered as a dedicated veteran, a hardworking civil servant, and a loving family man who found joy in the simple pleasures of a fishing line, taking pictures and a fly hat.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 20. 12:00 PM (MT)

Ballard Family Mortuary, LLC
6700 Smith Rd
Denver, CO 80207
(303) 963-5779

Service

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *My favorite brother in law, forever brother. There are so many memories.*
RIH 🟩💜💜



Denise L Wills - January 19 at 02:31 PM



“ *My condolences and Prayers to the Family, My Mom Norma Phillips and my Aunt Anna Caldwell really loved and respected him.*

Toni Broussard



Toni Broussard - December 30, 2025 at 10:00 PM

NO

“ *i remember green shoe repair thats how long i go back when i seen him u still got the shoe shop --he would lie "yes" bless your heart thunderbolts for ever RIP your bro Noomis*

noomis - December 18, 2025 at 11:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ricky Lee Green.*



December 17, 2025 at 07:35 PM

CC

“ I will always remember you Uncle Ricky. I remember being a kid and you played ball with me.. showed me how to tetter-totter and all! I am praying for my big cousins and Aunty. God rest your soul. Today is your Birthday. Happy Heavenly to you. Love you always and forever. Til we meet again 💕



Camille C - December 13, 2025 at 06:10 PM

WD

Our condolences to the family. May God continues to strengthen and keep you 🙏

Willie Dews - December 25, 2025 at 09:36 AM

MT

“ What a joy it was to know such a sweet person. You always seems to light up the room with your smile. . You were caring , giving and an honor to know. You will be missed. Maxine

Maxine Taylor - December 11, 2025 at 01:39 PM

LT

“ It is sad to say goodbye to a compassionate man who was full of love and .kindness. You will be sorely missed. There will be no more aches and pain as you transition to a new life.

Leslie Taylor - December 11, 2025 at 12:32 PM

JM

“ Ricky Green! I had heard your name when I was still in high school. Alas, I didn't meet you until I was a senior citizen. What a marvelous human being! I'm honored to have known you. I'm glad you found such a lovely mate to share your time on earth because that's what you deserved. I know she misses you. We all miss you. We can only hope to become as respectful, honorable and loving in our own lives.

Jeannie Madrid - December 11, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DB

God bless and keep you close.
Debra Green

Debra Green Bell - December 17, 2025 at 03:03 PM

KG

“ I cannot believe you are gone. We just saw you at the Doubletree. Rest in heaven
Rickie.

Kathryn A Goode - December 10, 2025 at 10:28 AM