



Sol Joseph Rudnick

September 29, 1936 - February 14, 2025

Sol Rudnick passed away on Friday, February 14th, 2025, at the age of 88, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was born in Bronx, New York, on September 29th, 1936, to Leon Rudnick and Edith Rosnell.

He served in the U.S. Army, Special Service Unit, during the time of the Korean War.

He began playing the violin at a young age and spent his formative years training to be a concert violinist. In his 20's, however, he attended a jam session in New Jersey and fell in love with fiddle music. Fiddle music would be a passion he pursued and shared with many throughout his entire life, playing all across the United States and in other countries, including Ireland. He would also go on to win the Arizona State Fiddle Championship in 1975 and 1976.

At the age of 60, Sol converted to Catholicism and dedicated his life to Christ. He then felt called to serve the pro-life ministry and was known as the "Pro-Life Fiddler." He was a true believer that life begins at conception, which would make him 89-years-old when he passed instead of 88.

Sol was an eccentric man, who was unapologetically himself. He enjoyed film photography, travel, inventing and engineering, and scrapbooking photos of his daughter, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters.

Sol lived a fulfilling, joyful, and purposeful life with many accolades. However, he would always say that his greatest accomplishment was his daughter,

Debbie, his granddaughters, Sarah and Leah, and his great-granddaughters, Hadley and Millie.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie King (Michael King), granddaughters Sarah Sims (Jacob Sims) and Leah Miller, and his great-granddaughters, Hadley and Millie Sims.

Please take a moment to remember Sol by listening to a fiddle tune.

Previous Events

Parastas/Prayer Service

FEB 27. 6:30 PM (PT)

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church
222 Foothill Blvd
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
<https://stanneslo.org/>

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Luncheon To Follow Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:30 AM (PT)

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Burial

FEB **28**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Cemetery
101 Bridge St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 541-0584
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you for being our Fiddler for the Donegal Dancers, Sol. I remember your daughter when she used to come along for things. I remember how you used to always play "Turkey in the Straw" FIRST and sing a bit, too. You were so patient with us. We had good times , the good times life is made of. You were our "Fiddler of Dooney" "For the good are always the merry and the merry love to dance" Wm B Yeats

Flannery Diehl - March 25, 2025 at 07:13 AM

PR

“ I remember Sol as a fiddle buddy, a fine and genuine soft spoken person of strong convictions who carved his own path. He was a founder of the Fiddlers Dream Coffee House in Phoenix, and was a firm believer in the value of unamplified fiddle music. I have his recordings, both published and unpublished. I have missed him and thought of him since he left Phoenix.

Peter Rolland - March 25, 2025 at 06:07 AM

EF

“ Debbie, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. I hope you are doing well. Elaine Fillion

Elaine Fillion - March 23, 2025 at 10:03 PM

LM

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Linda Kay Mulvey - March 02, 2025 at 04:34 PM

DD

“ Deborah King (Sol's Daughter) sent a virtual gift in memory of Sol Joseph Rudnick



Deborah King (Sol's daughter) - February 23, 2025 at 03:59 PM

AE

Many thanks to Sol for Fiddler's Dream in Phoenix 🎻📺

Anita Erwin - November 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM