

When we first moved to Boulder in 1971 (on July 5th, ironically), one of my first memory's is of my Dad and I discovering the natural wonders of sounding an echo off the mountains across the valley from our front porch of the mountain cabin that sat atop stilts on a high mountain slope.

Woo-hoo. You can hear the echo off the Wolf Law Building.

Dad said his mother, Ruth, would (allegedly) say: "You will eat it and you will like it" (pray and look up)

This is not what I meant when I asked for more public speaking opportunities, so, I guess I will like it!

In many ways, Dad lived his life by that quote – he did it and he liked it.

- I could tell you about these and many other memories I have of my Dad.
- I could tell you of the many achievements of his.
- I could tell you of all the things I didn't get to do with him.
- I could tell you of his wish to have a scholarship to continue in his name.
- I could tell you of the difficulties he has brought me in both filling his footsteps and in his death.
- I could quote religious scripture.
- I could tell you stories of the history of David Getches....but you wouldn't have time.

As an echo rebounds off a mountain, Dad's legacy will rebound off all of us. So let your life be full and robust – and like it. And next time you are on the fence with a big decision – listen to Dad's echo and let it help you command the right decision – and like it!

Thank you.

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