

### **RIP RICH DELONG 19XX-2002**

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As we grow older, one of the sad things is losing close friends. Rich DeLong was a good friend both personally and within the chess community. Rich was an avid player, book collector, coach and volunteer. I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Rich for the past ten years. A lasting memory is that I never heard Rich say no. In 1995 I was prepping 2 boys for the Scholastic Team championships. I had taught them all I could – so I called Rich. Within an hour we met at Lakeside Mall for a training session. No hurdle was too high. One year he volunteered to set up for the People’s Fair. The Friday before he suffered his 1st heart attack! After working the phones for a replacement, he enlisted the help of his family and the “show went on” the next day without a hitch. I will miss Rich as a friend, chess partner, and over the board opponent. I’m sure when I get to the “other side” he’ll be waiting... the pieces already set up.

### **Richard DeLong - Mitch Hermann [D00]**

#### **1994 Boulder Open**

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.f3 exf3 4.Nxf3 Bg4 5.c3 c6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Qe1 Be7 9.Qg3 Bxf3 10.Rxf3 g6 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Raf1 Kg7 14.Qh3 Ng8 15.Rxf7+! Rxf7 16.Rxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.Bxe6 Ndf6 19.Qf7# 1

#### **Daoud Zupa - Richard DeLong [A11]**

#### **1990 Loveland Open**

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 d5 4.b3 e5 5.Bb2 Bd6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nf3 Re8 8.Nbd2 e4 9.dxe4 dxe4 10.Ng5 e3 11.Nde4 Bb4+ 12.Kf1 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 f5 15.Nc3 exf2 16.Kxf2 Nd7 17.Rhe1 Nf6 18.h3 Kf7 19.Kg1 Re3 20.Rd3 Bc5 21.Kh2 Rxd3 22.exd3 Bd6 23.Ne2 Nh5 24.Rf1 g6 25.d4 Bd7 26.d5 Re8 27.Bf3 Rxe2+! 28.Bxe2 Nxe3 29.Re1 Nxe2+ 30.Kh1 Nf4 31.Bd4 b6 32.Rd1 cxd5 33.Be3 Bc6 34.Bxf4 dxc4+ 35.Kg1 Bxf4 36.bxc4 Ke7 37.h4 h6 38.Re1+ Be4 39.Kf2 Bd2 40.Rg1 f4 41.Rd1 Be3+ 42.Kf1 g5 43.h5 g4 44.a4 g3 45.Ke2 g2 0-1