



Amy Lynn Voorhies

August 31, 2019

Amy L. Voorhies, 32, passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2019 at her home in Fort Collins. Amy was born on July 31, 1987 in Denver to Mark and Diana Voorhies. Later that same year, the family moved to Fort Collins and Amy had found her dream hometown. She spent the remainder of her life in Fort Collins, graduating from Rocky Mountain High School in 2006 and from Colorado State University in 2011. Her entire work life was also spent in Fort Collins.

Amy's immediate family, and her large extended family, was very important to her. A great number of those family members lived near enough to Fort Collins that Amy was able to spend lots of time around people that she loved, and who dearly loved her in return. Large, combined family get-togethers were particularly important to Amy and those events brought her tremendous joy. Because she loved being with her relatives so much, Amy was one of the family historians. Her powers of observation and keen memory allowed her to record, and play back verbally at later dates, happenings from the many events that brought Mark and Diana's extended families together over the years, including holiday celebrations and an annual family reunion in Missouri. She loved all of her extended family, but she had a special place in her heart for the oldest and the youngest members of our family tree.

From a very early age, it was obvious to all around her that Amy's life's work would be centered on the care and teaching of young children. During her high school years, Amy also developed a passion for helping persons with special needs. While pursuing a degree in early childhood education at CSU, Amy landed a part-time job with BASE Camp, a provider of before and after school enrichment services to elementary school-age children. It was now obvious to all around her, that Amy had found her ideal career path. After a very enjoyable decade of work for BASE Camp, Amy had recently transitioned into a similar role with Young People's Learning Center. Amy poured her heart and soul into her work. She particularly loved to plan and produce individual enrichment programs and to serve as the staff videographer. Since many people have a much harder time finding the work that they will love the most, Amy's family is very grateful that she was able to spend

her entire career working with the young children that she so dearly cherished.

Amy's hobbies included watching old sitcoms, making pottery, and reading. And did Amy ever love books, particularly books that she could share with her nieces, her younger cousins, and the children with whom she worked. Amy had an extensive children's literature collection and she took advantage of every opportunity to share her books with her "kids." Amy loved to give books as presents and she always made sure to include a handwritten note to the recipient on the inside cover of the book.

Amy was a lifelong member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and she dearly loved the Church's emphases on the sanctity of life and helping those in need. She also treasured her time leading a Sunday morning religious education program for kindergarten-age members of the church.

Amy is survived by her parents, her sister and brother-in-law, 2 cherished nieces and a newborn nephew who was just starting to learn what it meant to be loved by Aunt Amy. Amy is also survived by 3 of her 4 grandparents, each of whom was very special to Amy, and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Amy was preceded in death by her beloved maternal grandmother.

A Rosary Ceremony will be held on Friday, September 13 at 10 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Collins. A Funeral Mass will follow directly thereafter at 11 a.m. A luncheon for attendees will be held in Seton Hall on the parish grounds beginning at 12 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations of any kind to organizations that support disadvantaged children or persons with special needs would have been very meaningful to Amy.

Comments



“ Getting to know Amy at BASE Camp was a true highlight of my work there. She lit up every room she walked into and turned everyone's frowns upside down within seconds. You just couldn't stay sad or bored or still with Amy around. I'm sure they're singing and dancing to some crazy new videos in heaven today with Amy bouncing and leading the way. She loved each and every one of her kiddos and had a very special way of connecting to them. I will miss her terribly, but smile ever time I think of her. She made this world a beautiful place. I will never forget that and try my hardest to continue her legacy of love. God has a very special place in heaven for this beautiful Angel.

Mary Beth Solano - September 13, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Ms. Amy was an amazing woman. She was very friendly & always had a smile on her face. She really got to know my children when they came to basecamp. She would ask them what they were reading & sometimes she would read the books they were reading just so she could talk with them about the book. She will be greatly missed.
Sara Abernathy

Marie Maderal - September 13, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Amy was a basecamp teacher to my children & one of my favorites. She would really get to know my children. When my kids read the Harry Potter series, she started reading them & would try to read more than them on the weekend. It was nice how she was really engaged instead of going through the motions of her job. She had a fun personality & a great smile. I am saddened to hear of her passing. She will be missed.

Sara - September 13, 2019 at 07:16 AM



“ Amy and I have worked together for a very long time and became prettty close. She often knew my plans before I could even get the words voiced. We worked extremely well together and were able to make some cool things happen. Everything she did came from the heart. She loved the kids we worked with at Shepardson and was making many of those same strong relationships with the kids and families at YPLC. Every child that she worked with was lucky to have her in their lives, she truly listened to their hopes and dreams, was interested in what they were doing and cared deeply for them. I am lucky to have had her in my life, she worked so hard and cared so much. It is hard to find someone who just clicks so well and I will deeply

miss having her here. I want her family to know how much she was loved and how much she loved her family. I always heard fun stories about harmonicas, summer trips, family get togethers, dance parties with her nieces and so much more. It was always obvious how much family and longtime friendships meant to her. Her family is in my thoughts and Amy will not be forgotten.

Stacy Hale

Stacy Hale - September 12, 2019 at 11:35 PM



“ Aunt Becky lit a candle in memory of Amy Lynn Voorhies



Aunt Becky - September 12, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ Amy was a sweet girl I enjoyed teaching music to at Riffenburgh. She was always bubbly and loved to participate in all the activities. Such a beautiful loving heart will be sparkly missed. Fondly Sue Bowen.

sue Bowen - September 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM



“ Amy and I were good friends in school! I loved standing by her side in choir and working with her in the tech crew for the high school musicals. She had such a good heart and always knew what to say when I was frustrated and needed a friend to talk to! Amy will be surely missed!

Krystal (Headrick) Bonner - September 11, 2019 at 09:57 PM



“ Amy and I became friends in high school. She made my days at Rocky full of fun and laughter. She was such a blessing to have in my life and seeing her in the most random places made my day. Amy made me so happy and she made my life so much better being apart of it. Love you so much and miss you so much. Much love,
Julie Howard

Julie Howard - September 11, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Base Camp Families and Employees would like to share these memories of Amy...

Amy was incredibly competitive. One summer at Camp the cafeteria was getting very messy so we had a contest of which animal class could clean up their table space the best after lunch. Amy's classroom won almost everyday of the contest. She set the standard high.

We'll miss her. Prayers and thoughts go out to her close friends and family!

God Bless,
Brenda

So sad to hear my little friend is gone. My fondest memories of her are from a time we worked together and she labeled our group of three, the 'Three Stooges.' Our most sincere condolences to Amy's family from me and from Joe Maes, the third stooge. Our love and a piece of our hearts goes with Amy, the purest soul we had the privilege of knowing and loving.

Sincerely,
Mirna Miranda

Ms. Amy loved our kiddos fiercely. Most days when I popped by in the afternoon she had a grin on her face and a story to share of something silly Aiden had done. She typically greeted me that way, with a "your son is hilarious..." type of hello. She genuinely enjoyed the kids, laughed at their silliness, and valued them as individuals. Our thoughts go out to her family and all the kids that got to experience her light. She will be missed.

Kristin Berthold, parent of Aiden Houston, Shepardson Basecamper

We are so sad to hear about the tragic loss of Ms. Amy. She really had a passion, a positive attitude, and was so wonderful with the kids. My daughters LOVED her so much. We saw her once at Color Me Mine painting pottery. She was so sweet and chipper.

Thank you,
Katie

Base Camp - September 11, 2019 at 01:03 PM



“ I had the privilege and pleasure to attend Rocky Mountain High School with Amy as well as work with her at BASE Camp when I was needed for several years until working an entire summer. She always wanted to ensure the integration of a special needs student in and outside the classroom. This was the foundation of who she was while she attended high school. I am so so sorry for your loss and many prayers to

you.

Rob Hanley - September 11, 2019 at 04:24 AM



“ Both of my children had the blessing of attending BASE Camp at Shepardson with Amy. My oldest is now in 8th grade. Amy has known my 3rd grader since she was a baby. She adored my kids, and they had so much fun with her. We are so lucky to have been a part of Amy's life. Sending my deepest sympathies to her family.

Sara R - September 10, 2019 at 08:35 AM



“ Diana, Mark, Erin and family, I just learned the sad news of Amy's unexpected passing. I am so shocked and so very sorry for your loss. May God cradle you closely in his loving arms as you navigate this tremendous grief and may your beautiful memories of Amy be forever embedded in your hearts. I will treasure the days that Amy and Erin were my piano students and I am so happy we were able to share in our love of music. Peace and love be to you and yours.

Ann and Larry Schwarz and family

Ann Schwarz - September 09, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Mark, My heart aches for you and your family as you grieve for your amazing daughter. I send my love and hope that as you recover from this horrible shock, your shared family bonds will give you courage and, ultimately, comfort.

Love,
Katrina Graydon
You are the one who named me "Coach" in Spilled Ink.

Katrina White Graydon - September 08, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ I was with Becky the night Amy was born. It seems like she called her mom every 5 minutes to see if she was an aunt again. When she finally learned that Amy had been born Becky was so excited!

Mark, Diana, Erin and family, I am so deeply sorry. May God wrap you in comfort and strength.



“ Amy took care of my daughter after school at Basecamp and also this summer at YPLC summer camp. I trusted Amy completely. Amy knew my daughter well and guided her to make good choices and also made her feel loved at the same time. She made this world a better place and she will be greatly missed.

Lisa Vest - September 05, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ We are holding your family close to our hearts and close in prayer.



Roger and Louise Belleau - September 05, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ My family and I were deeply saddened to hear of Amy's passing, Our two daughters (ages 11 and 7) spent many weeks this summer with Amy at YPLC Fun Camp and they adored her. My wife and I trusted Amy implicitly with our children; we always knew they'd be safe on Amy's watch and also have a really fun day. We are holding Amy's family and friends in our hearts during this heartbreakingly difficult time. May the memories of Amy forever be a blessing to all who know and love her.

Nate Lamkin - September 05, 2019 at 12:50 AM



“ My dear and beautiful friend, Amy. I will miss your lovely smile and your goodness. You always radiated love and happiness to me and all who knew you. I spoke to Joe Maes (our third stooge) and told him of your passing. He cried, as we all have. We are saddened by your early departure from this life. I want you to know that I always loved you and kept you close to my heart. Life takes us on different paths, but you managed to carve out a piece of my heart just for you. Take it with you and return it to me when we meet again. I will miss you, my beautiful little friend. We will always be the 'Three Stooges,' you, Joe and me. Farewell my dear girl. I love you!



Mirna Miranda - September 04, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ My first memory of Amy was at our shared back fence as I met Diana and the tiny baby in her arms.

It was fun to watch Amy grow up. I will forever remember the good times Amy and Jordan had. Amy was incredibly patient with the younger children and all the dogs we had over the years, Ranger, Riley, Mcduff and Gizmo. Mcduff had many a “sleepover” with the Voorhies clan and Gizmo finally won her over.

There will be an empty chair at our birthday celebrations. Amy will be missed.

Marsha Effner - September 04, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ Aunt Becky lit a candle in memory of Amy Lynn Voorhies



Aunt Becky - September 04, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ My sweet Amy, I will always treasure spending the morning of Bash's birth with you and the girls. Uncle Tom, Zach and I will always have such wonderful memories of you. I remember your Dad calling me to tell me they were expecting you and I was so excited for you to become a member of our family. I love you so much and will miss you deeply and forever. It's going to be especially strange without you at get togethers. It really hurts to miss you so much. You were such an amazing person and I am so proud to be your aunt. I love you, sweet girl and will see you again someday.

Aunt Becky - September 04, 2019 at 06:08 PM