



Cynthia "Cindy" Rice

April 29, 2020

Cynthia Ann Davis Rice was born on March 5, 1943 to Edward and Grace Rice in Los Angeles, California. During her lifetime, she also lived in Washington state, Oregon, Colorado and Germany.

Cindy came to Fort Collins in 1988. She eventually became a nail technician and owned a salon in town for awhile. Her greatest joys in life were her family, friends and volunteering at St. Joseph Catholic Church, her church home, for many years. Cindy was awarded the Spirit 2015 award from St. Joseph Catholic School. She also had a passion and dedication for serving the homeless. Her love of animals, especially dogs, was known by all! Outspoken, strong-willed, quick-witted, and so much more, Cindy was fun to be around. She loved reading (especially James Patterson), reality TV shows, and thrift store shopping. Most of all, she cherished and enjoyed spending time with her close friends. Her generosity and concern for others was foremost. She was a loving mom, caring aunt, and devoted friend, who was adored by many.

Cindy is survived by her daughter, Kimberly "Kim" (Kephart) Sparling, son-in-law Darel Sparling, brother Orrison "Gus" Rice, niece Stephanie (Rice) Griffone and family, niece Elicia Rice and family, and numerous dear friends. She was preceded in death by her younger brother, Dr. David Rice, who passed away in September of 2006.

A very special thank-you to Mom's Pathways Hospice nurse, Adam. He and the Pathways team provided exceptional care for Mom, and always with a spirit of kindness and compassion.

Cindy's remarkable courage was a testimony to her unshakable faith in Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior. She will be greatly missed, because she was greatly loved.

In lieu of flowers, Cindy and Kim decided that donations be made on her behalf to the local Pathways Hospice or the Larimer County Humane Society. A Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 10:00 am on July 10. The church will also stream the service

online at the following web address:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/saintjosephcatholicchurchfc>

Comments



“ Once in A Lifetime Friend!!

There are many words that come to mind when I think of Cindy.
LOYAL...Funny...Wise...Strong....Brutally Honest, Fearless, Humble and Feisty. I could go on....

Cindy and I met about 8 years ago during a very difficult time in my life. We became fast friends and I quickly knew I had a friend for life. Even though we have a huge age difference between us (31 years), I never felt it. She loved to hang out with people much younger than her. She always said “old people complain too much about their health, so I want to hang out with the young ones. “
She lived a very colorful life and I loved all of her crazy stories. She could talk about pretty much anything and always entertained.

Cindy loved me unconditionally and I loved her the same. I have never laughed more with anyone in my life and could always count on her for the best advice. She loved my family and was our biggest cheerleader. The crazy thing is.....Cindy did not like children (at all) and was very vocal about it. However, over the years she grew to love Anna and Jack (and they loved her) and I believe that softened her heart. When we moved back to Texas, she was our biggest supporter, even though she was losing a huge support system in Fort Collins. She never complained, made me feel guilty or thought about herself.

Truly I can count on one hand the people that have had a huge impact on my life and Cindy was one of them.

The last thing she said to me was....”always know your worth and don’t let anyone make you think anything different. You are a once in a lifetime friend and know I will always watch over you and love you.”

RIP my dear friend. I love you so much and thank you for the wonderful years of laughs and a unconditional loving friendship. You are truly the once in a lifetime friend.

You will never be forgotten and will always remain in our hearts and conversations. Such great memories with you.

The last thing she would always say when we got off the phone was....”kiss the Blessed!” aka Charlie. She loved that damn dog. So it seems appropriate to end my tribute with....”KissTheBlessed”

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Amy Wood - July 09, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ I think of Cindy every day. She was such a giving person, especially to our homeless. I learned quickly that whenever we rode together...I would drive. See...she would curse like a sailor if someone would cut her off. She was such a free spirit and we will continue to miss her each and every day.



Deb Travnick - July 06, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ I met Cindy in the year 2000. I had a Great Pyrenees maned Elliott that would come to work with me on Saturdays. She worked as an admin weekend person and of course that's how we met. She loved my dog immediately. He was white and she used to kiss him and leave lip stick stains. I mentioned it and she went out and bought non smearing lip stick. It worked We became friends quickly. She was like a second mom to me that I could say anything to. She was my voice of reason and a lot of times my confidence. She was such a caring person and will eternally be remembered as such. She belongs where she is but it is painful for those of us left behind. I will miss her in so many ways. God bless the family. Prayers to all of you.
Mary

mary edwards - May 13, 2020 at 10:10 PM



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Stephanie Griffone - May 10, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ It was a true Blessing for many years volunteering with Cindy and becoming friends. Cindy’s dedication and compassion as a volunteer was something to admire and as a friend a true gift. Cindy told me not to be sad when she knew what her health condition was and she was ready and prepared to be with God. As a friend the comfort that God has another angel and Cindy’s love and friendship remains in my heart . Thank you Cindy for making my life brighter and those you always helped . Kim thanks for sharing your mom with all who love her. God Blessings

Linda Maher - May 03, 2020 at 11:02 PM



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