



Catherine Christine Ryan

May 27, 1974 - May 21, 2015

Catherine Christine (Katie) Ryan, 40, of Fort Collins, passed away on May 21, 2015.

Katie was born in St. Paul, MN, in 1974. She graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1992. She moved to Fort Collins and earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in 1998. Katie selflessly devoted her life and her career to compassionately caring for children and adults with disabilities, seniors, animals of all kinds and any being finding themselves in a moment of need.

Katie was a proud Gemini; thrift store enthusiast, artist and gardener; a lifelong scholar; a camping, hiking, mountain and nature lover; a free spirit; a fun-loving jokester and endless source of belly laughs; a wayward-pet whisperer; a rescuer of forsaken animals; and a doting auntie to Collin, the light of her life, who carries on her spirit and continues her playful Gemini legacy.

Katie was a beloved partner, daughter, sister, niece, aunt, cousin, in-law, friend and coworker and a devoted mother to numerous pets of all stripes and spots over the years. She was preceded in death by father John Gary; grandparents Marie and John; grandparents Hazel and Herb (Winter); aunt Jan (Winter); uncle Chris (Winter); cousin Brian (Winter); and many much-adored pets. She is survived by partner Jerediah Burianek; mother Gail (nee

Winter); sisters Kelly and Jenny (Soldner); brother-in-law Shane (Soldner); uncles Greg (Marney) and Bruce Winter (Shirley Fedzyn); nephews Collin and Christopher (Soldner); nieces Megan (Considine) and Tamara (Reilly); cousins Heather (Winter) and Shannon (Winter O'Neill); precious pets Annabelle, Bo, Yoda, and Jar Jar Binks; and many dear extended family members, in-laws, friends and coworkers too numerous to list but not forgotten.

Katie was a beautiful human being with a boundless heart who led an exemplary life. Words cannot express how profoundly she will be missed, and her many extraordinary contributions to this world will be forever cherished by all those fortunate enough to have been touched by her life.

Her celebration of life will be held on May 26 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at FoCo Cafe at 225 Maple Street in Fort Collins.

Memorials in Katie's name can be made to Denkai Animal Sanctuary, FoCo Café or Camp St.Croix 532 County Rd F Hudson, WI Attn: Katie Ryan Memorial Fund.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **26**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

FoCo Cafe
225 Maple Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
info@goesfuneralcare.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Catherine Christine Ryan*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Marty Swalinkavich sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Christine Ryan*



Marty Swalinkavich - February 12, 2016 at 05:38 PM



“ *Marty Swalinkavich sent a virtual gift in memory of Catherine Christine Ryan*



Marty Swalinkavich - June 20, 2015 at 10:11 PM

CT

“Katie wasn't just a co-worker, she was a friend - to everyone she knew. That's just how she was. She was quick to laugh or get introspective with you. I have never known anyone who had so much within: crazy-smart, funny and genuinely kind-hearted. When one of the Canada geese laid an egg in a walkway at Transfort, she was greatly upset and pained that it might be disturbed so she built a little nest around it. Blue Jays swooped on her one day, so she quickly adopted them as a talisman and sought them out - while most people would curse their aggressiveness. Not Katie. Katie's heart was so big, so genuine. This world was a much better place with her in it. I am so lucky and forever touched that I had a chance to know her and be in her beautiful company.

Carol Thomas - June 01, 2015 at 09:37 AM

DH

“Katie and I were co-workers until I retired 5 years ago; we became close friends. I have never met a more loving, caring, considerate and loving person than she. I will always cherish my memories of her. David Haggerty, aka "DMH".

David Haggerty - May 28, 2015 at 12:21 PM



Michele
Craig

“Katie was a sweet, funny, compassionate and amazing person. She has a lasting impact on the lives of many, myself included. Her loss is felt profoundly.

Michele Craig - May 26, 2015 at 09:27 PM


Michele
Craig

“ Michele Craig lit a candle in memory of
Catherine Christine Ryan



Michele Craig - May 26, 2015 at 09:18 PM


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“ Marty Swalinkavich lit a candle in memory of
Catherine Christine Ryan



Marty Swalinkavich - May 26, 2015 at 07:18 PM


Marty
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“ My sympathy to Katie's family , friends, co-workers and all the pets
and animals Katie has cared for. Katie will always have a place in
my heart, she was very easy to talk with, very down to earth, truly
cared, happy go lucky and always sunshine in the room. It is hard to
express the loss we all share, Katie's presence will live on....my
sympathy, Marty Swalinkavich

Marty Swalinkavich - May 26, 2015 at 07:16 PM

SM

“ Susan Mercier lit a candle in memory of
Catherine Christine Ryan



Susan Mercier - May 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catherine Christine Ryan.*



May 26, 2015 at 03:21 PM



“ *The obituary captured everything that I loved about Katie! She was beautiful inside and out and she will be deeply missed! I regret that I didnt get to know her better, but the yrs that I worked with her were awesome! She had a way of making you feel important and a part of the group! I will forever remember her that way! So, so sorry for her passing.*

Tiffanie Rylant - May 26, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ *Tiffanie Rylant lit a candle in memory of Catherine Christine Ryan*



Tiffanie Rylant - May 26, 2015 at 03:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Christine Ryan.*



May 26, 2015 at 03:03 PM

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“ *Chrissy McCollom lit a candle in memory of Catherine Christine Ryan*



Chrissy McCollom - May 26, 2015 at 12:41 PM