



Heather Christine West

September 24, 2019

Heather Christine West, age 49, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2019 after a heroic battle with cancer. She was born at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado to SGM (ret) Larry Douglas Robertson and Vera Claire (Snug) Robertson. Heather attended Englewood High School where she developed many lifelong friends. She participated in choir and theatre, and was also on the yearbook committee. She graduated and moved to Maine with her first husband before returning to Colorado to stay. She attended CSU in the early 1990's and worked for CSU police as a student officer. In 1994, she was hired on to Fort Collins police services. While serving as a police officer, she was a defensive tactics instructor and patrol officer.

In 1997, Heather married "the love of her life and friend of her soul," Michael West. Michael had three young sons and Heather quickly became a step-mom, then gave birth to her only son, Zach, in 1998. Heather left police work at this time to serve her family. She loved being a mom and dedicated everything to helping raise her boys. She transitioned into home lending five years after the birth of her son, Zach. She excelled in the field and spent the last seven years with Great Western Bank. There she was promoted into management and took on a leadership role that resulted in many valued personal relationships. She was the top mortgage producer for all of Great Western Bank for 2015-2017.

Her family was her passion which she demonstrated in countless ways. Her love of God flowed from her to everyone she walked with in this life. She gave of herself generously and always strived to “leave people better than you found them”. No one did this as well as Heather. She continued to put people first even in her last moments. She has exemplified this by donating her corneas to the Rocky Mountain Eye Center.

She is survived by Michael West (husband), Benjamin (Cale) West, Daniel (Taylor) West, Thomas (Evan) West, and Zachariah Earl Douglas West. Her Father SGM (ret) Larry Douglas Robertson, Step-mother Patricia Robertson, and Step Father Gene Kuhns. Also, her sisters Kimberly Artis and Erin Robertson.

She was preceded in death by her mother Vera Claire Kuhns.

Heather's service will be held at Timberline Church Fort Collins, CO on October 5th at 10:00 am. It will be officiated by Jim Szakmiester. Refreshments will be served immediately following the service and family will be departing shortly thereafter for interment, located at Eaton Cemetery, facilitated by Goes Funeral Care.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be given to Pathways Hospice of Larimer County, or to local Cancer organizations.

Thank you to all who have loved her and have helped the family during this time. Your generosity is appreciated more than words can say. In memory of her, please leave here with her quote in mind to “Leave People Better Than You Found Them”.

Cemetery Details

EATON Cemetery

501 S. Christensen Ave
Eaton, CO

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ *Heather Christine West*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Kathleen Nace lit a candle in memory of Heather Christine West*



Kathleen Nace - October 06, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Heather is a beautiful spirit. We shall all miss her physical presence but she will be in our hearts and minds. When we leave this physical world and people remember us kindly and with love, we have lived our lives fully. Heather is a perfect role model on how to live our lives! What a warrior!!*

Pat Walton - October 05, 2019 at 11:31 AM

Kristen Swanson

“ I walked next to a woman, who was wearing a scarf to cover her newly balding head, on a walk around a lake near her new home. She walked slowly. I barely kept up. An elderly couple passed us by. This woman next to me sighed deeply. Frustrated that she could not keep up with their pace any longer. I barely kept up. We spoke of the diagnosis. The knowledge she would die of this cancer, but firm in her determination to make it be on Her terms. I staggered in both mind and body to keep up. I was in shock; denial. This woman was hurting & tired physically. But her mind and heart were SSSOOOO strong. I couldn't keep up. I cried. This woman, who could not even walk halfway around this lake, hugged me & shed a tear with me. "It's a lot to take in."



That woman lived way beyond the doctor's longevity estimates. That woman LIVED each day to the fullest, helping all of us along the way. That woman is now laid to rest. I'm crying, but I know she did her best. I must now do the same, in her honor.

Kristen Swanson - October 05, 2019 at 12:36 AM

MW

I love this and you for sharing.

Mike West - October 29, 2019 at 10:32 AM

FI

“ Heather you touched my life back in approximately 2000 when you led MOPs at Timberline Church. I will never forget your bubbly spirit and positive attitude. You made a point of welcoming me to Timberline Church. You always smiled, always brought happiness and joy to the room and were always willing to share your love of God with others. I treasured our riding together and our talks about kids and horses. You will be forever missed and held in our hearts. Looking forward to seeing you again someday in His Kingdom. Peace to your family and friends, know how much you were loved and will be missed.

Fiona - October 04, 2019 at 02:56 AM

LF

“ Mike and family, my deepest sympathies on your loss. Heather was a fine officer and I was proud to have worked with her.

Lee Frausel - October 01, 2019 at 06:37 PM

DG

“ I imagine I sat around a hundred campfires with Heather. I'll forever miss her laugh and sharing wine with her; campfires just won't ever be quite the same. We'll carry on, steeped in the memories we built with her, until the day our friendship is renewed in the Kingdom. Until then, friend.

David G - October 01, 2019 at 04:23 PM

CH

“*Heather and I have been friends for awhile but since her illness and my strokes we have helped each other pass the days with good games of Words with Friends. She always won!!! I loved her the day I met her and still love her. God has a special angel in his tribe. I love you Heather.*

Christy H

Christy Harras - October 01, 2019 at 02:46 PM