



## Lorraine Wild

July 5, 2023

Lorraine (Down) Wild passed away in her home in Timnath, Colorado, early on July 5th, 2023. She is survived by her husband Chris, her children Alec, Braden and Taylor, her parents Don and Joan, and her brothers Chris, Jeff, Kevin and Steve.

Lorraine's life was full of unending love and compassion for her family and those around her. She was a champion for those who felt left out or were considered less than by society. She had a passionate heart for seeing what people needed and helped however she could. Her greatest passion, though, was her children. Her journey to have children was one marked with struggle and pain, but her desire and strength were persistent. From the moment she found out she was pregnant with triplets, they immediately became her greatest joy. Lorraine gave everything of herself to make sure her children were safe, loved, and supported. As her children started to move out of the house, she used her extra time and energy helping teenagers who were aging out of the foster care system. Her heart was always thinking of others.

Her home, always kept neat and clean, was open to friends, to family, and to anyone who needed a meal, a place to stay, or a conversation. She loved to host holidays and parties, always ensuring whoever was being celebrated felt loved and seen with her eye for detail and personal touches.

Lorraine created a light in this world that touched so many, more than she ever realized. Her unwavering faith in Jesus and her overflowing generosity permeated each and every one of her actions — she truly was an example for us all.

Memorial suggestions:

Lorraine's long-held passion was finding ways to help foster kids transition and access the services they need to thrive. In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to an organization she was passionate about supporting: True North Young Adult Services in Boulder, Colorado <https://www.truenorthyas.org/>.

Lorraine's life:

The second of four siblings, Lorraine experienced the ups and "Downs" of being the only girl. Growing up in New York, she was a very active gymnast and accomplished high school track team member. Lorraine loved the physicality of competition and being part of a team. She enjoyed spending summers being a camp counselor in Florida and eventually her family moved to Colorado for her senior year of high school. In Colorado, she learned to blend her preppy New York fashion style with the laid-back style in Colorado, and found a unique way to be herself.

Her wild side stood out in those days, caught renting a car underage and joy riding around town. She attended Colorado State University and obtained her Bachelor's in Psychology. While at CSU, Lorraine joined Kappa Delta sorority and found her long-lost twin in Jeanine, who shared the same birthday as well as many other life similarities and with whom she forged a life-long friendship. In her junior year, she attended a party hosted by her good friend, Sue, where she met her soon to be husband Chris. He noticed a teary-eyed Lorraine who had just broken up with her boyfriend, and she noticed him noticing her and

they both made a mental note to meet in the near future.

They soon fell in love, adopted a beloved cocker spaniel puppy named Spanky, got married in Fort Collins and shortly after started a new life together in Westminster, CO.

Lorraine became a social worker for Adams County, helping to protect children and keeping families together. She started to battle a number of illnesses that required her to focus on her health and ultimate goal of having children. After a series of miscarriages, much effort and persistence, Lorraine gave birth to triplets - Alec, Braden and Taylor - thus starting the next chapter of her life.

Braden was born extremely medically fragile, requiring many hospital stays, appointments and surgeries over the course of the next 18 years. From that day forward, Lorraine was Braden's fiercest advocate. She spent every waking moment educating herself on the intricacies of Braden's medical conditions, allowing her to protect him from a medical system that didn't believe he had the ability to thrive. Through her advocacy, he is now a healthy young adult.

In-between the chaos of caring for Braden and her own medical challenges, Lorraine loved to watch her children try new things, figure out their passions, and explore the world. She was always ready to sign them up for a new activity, to help fund a trip or camp, or to share her love of shopping with them.

One of her greatest joys was the proud year where she got to attend all three of her children's college graduations as a culmination of her love, dedication and care she had for them. As her health declined in the last year of her life, she had the joy to attend her son Braden's wedding and get to reconnect with all her family and loved ones. She lived out the remainder of time at home with her husband and son. Today we rejoice that she is without pain and

wrapped in the arms of her Heavenly Father.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Denise Penvose lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Wild* ”



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**Denise Gramza Penvose** - August 04, 2023 at 10:26 PM

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“ *8 files added to the album Lori* ”



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**Steven Down** - July 31, 2023 at 02:08 PM

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“Lori was the best big sister. Despite the difference in our age, she always made me feel special and included when we were young, something she carried on throughout her life with those she loved and cared about. I was her junior partner in crime on many of her youthful escapades, and I was always thrilled to be included. She always had a great sense of humor and shared her contagious laughter freely. We had a couple of inside jokes, and they could get us laughing to tears decades later. I will forever miss that, but I won't forget to laugh when I remember; I will hear her laughter along with my own every time.

*Becoming a wife and mother was the greatest joy in Lori's life. She was determined like no other and fought hard to create three wonderful children with her husband, Chris. Her love for and dedication to her family was boundless. Lori always welcomed everyone to her home, and her compassion for others was endless. She was always concerned about anyone with less, left out, or unfairly treated – and ready to fight on their behalf.*

*Thankfully her fight with pain is over, and her suffering has ended. She can rest in peace now, knowing we loved her, that she created a beautiful family, and that she touched many people's lives along the way. The world is missing something without Lori here. Thankfully there are endless beautiful memories of her to help fill that void. I miss her now and always will. Rest in peace, Lori.*

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**Steven Down** - July 30, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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*I met Lori in a support group online. She was assisting folks with many things. She was so knowledgeable in many subjects. When she moved to Colorado to California, she was near me. My daughter is a hair stylist and Lori went to see her. They had a great time together. I was sad when Lori moved back to Colorado. I had many medical problems. She was a great support to me and many others. Lori would give you info to see it would help. I had emergency surgery and was a big help supporting me and would research for me. I miss her very much ❤️*

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**Laurie England** - March 24, 2024 at 03:49 AM

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“ *Lori was born early, resulting in her spine not being fully closed up. She required care to protect her spine and could not be cuddled, and had to be held very carefully. My mother who was helping, got sick, and to compound caring for her, Don had appendicitis. She was a perfect and cute little baby, but didn't get the attention she deserved. I have always been sad for her in that regard. She became a generous and giving person despite it. We always felt so welcome at the Wild home. She loved to give gifts. The birth of triplets made her bloom. We had so much fun, but we were also worried about health issues after they were born. It was wonderful time that I cherish! Lori was a beautiful person inside and out. Her declining health didn't diminish her caring for others. We miss her, love her, have been privileged to have her for 60 years. Rest in peace M and F*

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**Joan Down (mother)** - July 29, 2023 at 01:30 PM

SB

“ Though I never met Lori in person, she became a mentor to me when my daughter gave birth to triplets 19 years ago. We met on “Triplet Connection” and then later on Facebook. I have followed the growth of her children since they were eight years old and I have learned a lot from Lori’s parenting of multiples. Her health issues were daunting, and I prayed often for her. I was stunned today to learn of her passing, but I am thankful that she is free of pain and suffering and I know we will meet one day in heaven. My heart goes out to her family. Please know I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sherry Boyle** - July 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM

LE

“ I met Lori through a group we shared. She was always kind and helpful. Lori always, checked up on me this past year, as I too was having a medically difficult year. I will miss my friend. Her love, caring, knowledge and laughter, always made me feel better. ❤️❤️  
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**Laurie England** - July 28, 2023 at 09:03 PM