



Pamela "Pam" Kay Shipley

March 14, 1957 - September 10, 2013

Pamela "Pam" Swackhammer-Shipley, 56, of Fort Collins, born March 14, 1957 was taken from us far too soon in a car accident in North Fort Collins on September 10, 2013. Pam was born at Poudre Valley Hospital to David F. Swackhammer and WillaJo Anderson. Pam graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1975.

Pam was many things to many people. She was a daughter, a mother, a sister, a wife, a soulmate, a granny, a great granny, a friend, a confidant, and an advisor. She was a great listener, she would give you her shoulder to cry on if you needed it but most of all, she was many people's everything.

She loved the outdoors; fishing, camping and hunting were among her favorite outdoor activities. She and David enjoyed riding his motorcycle any chance they could. They would like to go for rides up in the mountains or just around town. They enjoyed doing poker runs and they were able to participate in Realities for Children in 2012 and 2013.

She loved to watch her favorite reality shows, which included cooking shows, how to do it yourself shows, and house flipping shows. Her hobbies included cooking, crocheting, making candy, spending time with the people she cared about and reading. She also liked to volunteer. In April 2011 Pam was the recipient of the "9 Who Care Award" through channel 9 news for the many

hours she volunteered each week at her grandchildren's elementary school. Volunteering at Linton Elementary meant the world to her and she loved everyone at Linton. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and helping the school out at the same time. Doing this is where she found her calling and gained a lot of strength.

She is survived by the love of her life David Shipley, her three children; Paul (Heather) Gerdon and their three children, Kordell, Sarah and Leah of Fort Collins; Joline (Korte) Muhle and their six children Alan, Shane, Kolton, Quentin, Kortaney, and Alaunaha of Texas, and Charity Bul and her daughter Holly of Fort Collins as well as her step children: Lonnie, David, Terry, Vesta, and Shawna. She is also survived by her siblings, Karla, Lisa, Donny, and Susie as well as many aunts, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father David, mother WillaJo, brother Tom, sister AnnRena, and step daughter Stacy.

Per her wishes, she has been cremated. The celebration of her life will be held Thursday September 19, 2013 at 11:00 am at The Community of Christ Church located at 220 E Oak St, Fort Collins, CO 80524. There will be a pot luck reception immediately following the services which will be held at the same location.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Goes Funeral Care & Crematory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Community of Christ
220 East Oak
Fort Collins, CO

Tribute Wall



“ Pamela "Pam" Kay Shipley

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Joline Gerdon lit a candle in memory of Pamela "Pam" Kay Shipley



Joline Gerdon - February 21, 2016 at 03:22 PM



“ youwere the BEST GRANNY in the ENTIRE WORLD -LEAH

Leah Gerdon - October 21, 2013 at 02:57 PM



“ Lisa, I just heard about your loss from Nancy. I am so very sorry. I tried to call you but you must have a new number. Call me if you want. I miss you God Bless you and family.

Lois Setzer - September 21, 2013 at 07:28 PM



“ I have created a permanent online memorial which can be found at: <http://pamela-shipley.gonetoosoon.org>

Charity Bul - September 21, 2013 at 02:01 AM

NC

“ I first met Pam when I was Paul's 1st Grade teacher at Irish Elementary. She spent many hours in our classroom helping both me and every one of my students. She went on to volunteer in Joline's classroom when my sister was Joline's 1st Grade teacher. We could always count on her to help out and make a difference. And we always had fun when Pam was there! It was great to have Paul's children return to Irish for a short time when the family moved back to Ft. Collins and lived with their grandparents. Pam had a very long history of helping, caring and making a difference in the lives of many young children and teachers. She will definitely be missed, but I know her family will carry on her loving legacy.

Nancy Constantine

Nancy Constantine - September 19, 2013 at 06:49 PM

BB

“ I got to meet Pam when she worked with me at Linton as a volunteer. What an amazing person she was and so much fun to work with. I enjoyed her stories and watching her with her grandchildren and all the other students, everyone loved her. She would spoil the teachers by helping them with projects that needed done and they loved her. She would bring donuts for us and listen to my stories and experiences. She shared so much of her life stories with me and helped me when my father passed away and encouraged me. To her family I am so sorry you lost such a loving person in your life and just know that many, many people carry her in their hearts. I was so blessed getting to meet Pam in her short life time.

Becky Brown

Becky Brown - September 19, 2013 at 10:48 AM

KA

“ *What can be said about a woman who's kindness & unselfishness has been an inspiration to all who knew Pam Shipley? Pam & I spent many hours together in the workroom at Linton Elementary School where she was a volunteer & I have been a para for the past 24 years plus. She shared so much of her personal stories with me, & I with her. It's a rare privilege to encounter someone who overcame so many challenges in their life & still cherished every day that she lived. Her children & grandchildren brought her such joy and such pride. They were the driving force that got her up each morning to face another day. Pam's volunteer work also brought her fulfillment and meaning in her life. How lucky Linton was to have her commitment and love! How lucky I was to spend time with Pam. She gave me such encouragement & support! I loved her very much! Thanks to her family for sharing her with me! Her grandchildren & children are and will continue to be her living legacy!*

With loving memories Katie Anderson

Katie Anderson - September 18, 2013 at 08:49 PM

KS

“ Pam was known as "Grandma Pam" to the Linton Elementary community. She volunteered for COUNTLESS hours. She would do any projects we could come up with....and when those ran out....she would find her own to do. There were nights that I had to tell her to go HOME, and she was simply committed to helping teachers. She would "train" other volunteers and could answer any question about "how to do" just about anything at school. She made friends with everyone she worked with. Pam had great love for her children and grandchildren and spoke of them often. She LOVED eating lunch with her grandchildren at school. She kept her eye out for other kids...and would let me know "if she was worried about someone." Pam had 13 letters of support when she was nominated for the "9news who Cares" volunteer award. The hours she volunteered at Linton helped more than she could ever know.....and the friendships she made were real. We will miss her every day....and will forever be thankful that she came into our lives.

Fondly,

Kristin W. Stolte

Principal, Linton Elementary

Kristin Stolte - September 18, 2013 at 08:15 PM

SJ

“ I will remember the day she taught me how to drive and she told everyone that I took a corner on two wheels because there was a cute guy there. Also every elephant I collect will be for her and I.
Love your little sister

Susan Jimenez - September 18, 2013 at 12:58 PM



“ *Heather Gerdon lit a candle in memory of Pamela "Pam" Kay Shipley*



Heather Gerdon - September 18, 2013 at 12:46 PM

CB

“ *14 files added to the album Pam Shipley*



Charity Bul - September 17, 2013 at 01:26 AM

CB

“ *I have so many memories, it is hard to share only one. I would have to say my favorite memory of my mom was when she won the "9 Who Care" award. She looked so beautiful standing in front of everyone even though she hated being the center of attention. I knew she really liked being recognized for all of the work she had put in even though she didn't do it for the recognition. I love and miss my mom more than I can bear. Until we meet again.*

Charity Bul - September 17, 2013 at 01:22 AM

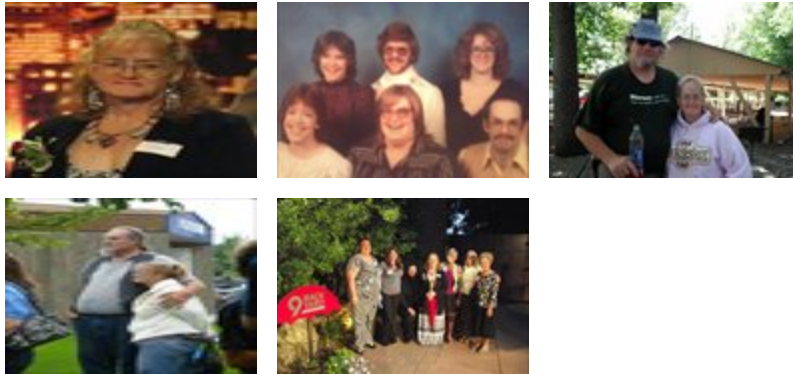
Joe
Gray

“ So many wonderful memories of Pam, whom I met so many years ago when I was 15. She will be missed so much by everyone who knew and loved her. I am very proud to have been considered a friend and family member of Pam's. As I am very sad that she is gone, I reflect on the fond memories I will always have of her. May God bless and comfort all of her family and friends.

Joe Gray - September 16, 2013 at 07:11 PM

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“ 22 files added to the album Pam Shipley



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - September 16, 2013 at 11:05 AM