



## Rochelle Bratton

July 28, 1957 - February 25, 2012

Rochelle Ann Bratton of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away Saturday, February 25, 2012. Rochelle was born in Fargo, North Dakota on July 28, 1957. She grew up in Dickinson, North Dakota where she was the oldest of five children. Rochelle was an honored varsity basketball player during her high school years. She was a graduate of Dickinson State University where she received her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education in 1979. She taught kindergarten in Dickinson, North Dakota until moving to Colorado. She moved to Fort Collins in 1986 and shortly thereafter began teaching in Thompson School District in Loveland, Colorado. She was most recently teaching second grade at Monroe Elementary in Loveland. Rochelle was a beloved teacher for over 30 years in North Dakota and Colorado. She was an avid biker, hiker, outdoor adventurer and animal lover. She was a cherished wife, daughter, sister, aunt, teacher, friend and neighbor. She will always be remembered for her sweet, gentle spirit. Survivors include her husband Stephen Bratton, (beloved cat Milo), parents Duane and Colleen Hanson of Fort Collins, brothers Douglas Hanson (Donna) of Los Angeles, CA, Kenton Hanson of St. Paul, MN, Mark Hanson (Kendra) of Fort Collins, and sister Laurie Welken (Wayne) of Bloomington, IN, niece Alison Welken, nephews Tyler Welken, Jordan Hanson, Dillon Hanson, Kylan Hanson, Cameron Hanson, Matthew Hanson and Andrew Hanson. A Celebration of Life will be at 11:00 am Saturday, March 3 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, CO. Memorial donations can be made to Our Saviors Lutheran Church or

Muscular Dystrophy Association.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rochelle Bratton*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *With our deepest sympathy to the family of Rochelle.*

**Jerry & Lorna Reeves** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I cannot imagine the loss of a child but I remember my parent's grief when my sister died. I hold you in God's light, love, and care and pray for comfort and healing during this painful time. You are loved by many.*

**Mary Jane Cooley** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Bratton was such a wonderful teacher to our children. She would always greet them with a warm smile. Rochelle and I got to be good friends through out the years. I cherished her friendship dearly and would think of her often. Carrie, my daughter, was very close to Rochelle. She would call her on the weekends to check in on her and Milo. Rochelle will be dearly missed, her memory will live on here at Monroe Elementary School.*

**The Kingston Family** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ I was so sorry to hear about Rochelle's illness and passing. I have so many fond memories of her and her family growing up next door! I feel so blessed to have been able to spend time with some of them in Minneapolis for Kenton's 50th Birthday. Heaven has a true angel back!  
God Bless you all!

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**Nancy Yon Thomas** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ WE WILL MISS HER. SHES IN GODS HANDS NOW. MAY HE GRANT HER EVERLASTING PEACE AND LOVE.

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**CHUCK AND ROBERTA HART** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Hello, First I just wanted to say how sorry I am to hear about Rochelle. I played basketball with her in high school. She also helped teach me how to drive. I have very fond memories of her.  
  
Again I am sorry . karlin

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**karlin teigland** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ I was privileged to know Rochelle. Her courage and spirit was an inspiration. My heart goes out to all of the family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sharon Petersen** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I just heard your daughter was sick.  
I even missed her at church with you Colleen. What a loss. I pray for  
you and your whole family.

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**Ramona Johnson** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Mrs.Bratton was a wonderful teacher. One of the best at Monroe.  
She was one of those special people who do anything to make  
some one happy! When i was down she do anything to get me back  
up and running again. She was a magnificent, caring, nice person  
and those are only a few things about her. She is in a wonderful  
place now walking in gods garden for sure!!! She is waiting for our  
time when we will join her!!!!!! Mrs.Bratton your loved miss You!!!!!!!  
See in in the future:)

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**Nicole Strohecker** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

D&

“ We are all greatly saddened to hear of Ms. Rochelle's passing. We  
will truly miss her humor, laughter, & family stories in our office. Our  
prayers and thoughts are with Stephen, Colleen, Duane, Kenton &  
the whole family.

*Denny, Marilyn, & Sue*

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**Dennis Simcik, Marilyn, & Sue** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DZ

“ I was so sad to hear of Rochelle's passing. Ironically on a ski trip  
over New Years I had related a story of a memorable ski trip I'd  
taken with Rochelle to Colorado 30 some years ago. My sympathies  
are extended to her family. Know her quiet gentle nature will be  
there when she graces heaven with her presence.

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**Deb Zillich** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Rochelle was one of the most sweet, kind hearted and gentle people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She had such a strong spirit and sweet disposition. She was brave and strong, a true hero. I will never forget her. She will be missed greatly.

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February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Bratton will be missed. She is one of the reasons I went into teaching at UNC. In 4th grade she helped me understand math better than other teachers which led to my success later on in my educational career. I was fortunate enough to see Mrs. Bratton again when I was placed at Monroe as a student teacher. Her bright smile and genuine kindness towards students separated her from other teachers. Her family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Amy King** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our family started as neighbors with Rochelle and in a short time a friendship began. Rochelle was such a kind hearted person and had a lot of love to share with all of those around her. We all enjoyed sitting and visiting with her and laughing about all the things the children were up to in the neighborhood. She was so fond of all the children. Our children loved Rochelle and always looked forward to seeing her or asking me if they could go over "hang out" with "Chelle". They too loved talking with her. She had such a nice light hearted way of being. Rochelle is missed here but we know she is now home and filled with grace and she is at peace. Our prayers are with all of her loved ones. We will always remember all of the special times we had with Rochelle and hold these memories close to our heart.

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**Rosenbauer Family** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Although my heart aches for Rochelle's family and friends, we must remember that she is with God now and her illness is gone and she is at peace and no longer suffers. I enjoyed knowing Rochelle for many years and I will miss her smile, her optimism, her big heart and her gentle spirit. She was a very special person and she will be missed until we are all joined together again. My thoughts and prayers are with the Bratton and Hanson families.

Kay

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**Kay Tully** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our Prayers are with Colleen and Duane and Rochelle's family. Rochelle is now in no pain and is with the Lord. God Bless you all.

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**Janice Sowers** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FB

“*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15*

*Truly our great loss, but heavens great gain.*

*Rochelle was such a outstanding Woman.*

*I consider it one of God's great blessings in my life to have been friends with Rochelle and Stephen. Even on a hard day Rochelle could always have*

*a smile. You just knew when she was your friend that she was someone trust-*

*worthy, and loyal. She would stand with and for you in the storm.*

*I'm very sad that I cannot attend her home going.*

*May you all be comforted with the love and comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Your long distance neighbor with love and prayers. Fern*

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**Fern Burdick** - February 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM