



Sharon "Brandy/Shari" Adkison

September 20, 2025

Sharon Brandenburg Adkison, lovingly known as Brandy/Shari, passed away at the age of 80 in Fort Collins, Colorado, on September 20, 2025.

Brandy was born in Taos, New Mexico, to Howard and Helen Emily Brandenburg. She grew up in Taos and received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish at the University of New Mexico before going on to teach in Albuquerque. Over the years, she made her home in Albuquerque, Seattle (during Bill's residency), Santa Fe, Taos, and eventually Fort Collins.

Early in life, Brandy worked as a teacher, where her warmth, creativity, and patience shone through. She later devoted herself fully to raising her children and supporting Bill as he pursued a career in cardiology. Her family was her greatest pride and joy, and she poured her heart into creating a home filled with love, laughter, and care.

Brandy had a wonderful sense of humor and was always tickled by jokes and gentle ribbing. She loved to be in nature, camping and taking trips in the RV every summer. She would always bring hummingbird feeders along to see her favorite birds. She loved to travel, and was delighted to visit New Zealand, Mexico and Costa Rica. She found joy in spending time with her grandchildren, reading, playing games, crafting, and cooking, and was happiest when surrounded by family — or when eating dessert.

Those who knew Brandy will remember her as kind, caring, and endlessly devoted to her loved ones. She leaves behind a legacy of generosity, laughter, and love that will be carried forward by her family and friends.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Bill Adkison; her three children, Beth and her husband Chris, Brittany and her husband Tim, and Brian and his wife Jaime; her beloved grandchildren, Abby, Frank, Caroline and Will; her brother, Jim Brandenburg and his wife Claire; and her sister, Libby Johnson and her husband Cliff; and her cherished nieces and nephews.

As per Brandy's request, no funeral or memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to DreamTree Project in Taos, NM (<https://www.dreamtreeproject.org/donate>) and Habitat for Humanity in Fort Collins, CO (<https://fortcollinshabitat.org/donate/>) .

Tribute Wall

JW

“ When I think of Brandy, I always see her beautiful smile— a smile that radiated love, compassion, and warmth. Brandy will forever live in my heart.

Jolyn Williams - October 01, 2025 at 02:33 PM

AB

“ What a shining light! I am so fortunate to have Shari as part of my life.

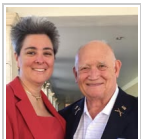
Ayesha Burdett - September 30, 2025 at 07:14 AM

BH

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Brittany Hansen - September 26, 2025 at 09:33 PM



“ It was an honored to have known Brandy! She welcomed me as part of the family. She will be missed!

Amy Tyler - September 26, 2025 at 09:11 PM

SL

“ The world was fortunate to have had such a lovely, gracious, warm soul in our midsts. She left it a better place for everyone.

Steve & Mary Lou - September 26, 2025 at 04:24 PM

CR

“ We knew Brandy since the 1970’s. We were always amazed by her patience and strength and love of family. We will miss her calmness, gentleness and generosity towards all.

Charles and Liz Riley - September 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM

CB

“ Shari was a dear friend in the truest sense and wonderful sister/ sister in law. I could tell when she was talking to Jim, as the two of them would laugh and tell jokes to each other. Jim looked forward to their weekly call, as they were always close in age and in spirit. What a dear heart, always concerned and acting with compassion towards those she loved. Her energy and vitality will be missed. May her Memory be Eternal-



Claire Brandenburg - September 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM

BD

“ There are so many memories: Brandi and Bill were my second parents growing up and Brandi had this remarkable way of making events and holidays so lovely. She was so generous with her time. She had the gift of making one feel valued and special. I so treasure the annual making of apple butter, spending hours peeling apples, laughing, and the remarkable space of presence with each other (I still make apple butter with my family). Growing up, our families would camp at lakes and I think of Brandy and her laughter every time we set up our camper now at Horsetooth Reservoir. Forgive me Brandi for my lack of presence in these recent years. Sending Bill, Beth, Brittany, and Brian so much love as you each journey through loss and grief of wife and mother. Becky (Blackwell) Dawson



Becky Dawson - September 25, 2025 at 03:00 PM

BH

“ Loved Brandy's infectious laugh when we would visit at Elk Creek Campground. I will miss her. Barry

Barry Hankins - September 25, 2025 at 02:20 PM

VH

“ Brandy always treated me like I was part of her family even though her son-in-laws mother technically wasn't. Her generosity and cheerfulness was a wonderful addition to my life. I will miss her smiles. Vicky Hansen

Vicky Hansen - September 25, 2025 at 01:17 PM

Reggie Cantu

“ From school days, long ago, behind her beautiful smile she was "simpatuca', a real Human Being. Love to the family.

Reggie Cantu - September 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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Beth Adkison - September 25, 2025 at 12:57 PM