



## Sharon Schooley

October 7, 1940 - August 6, 2009

Sharon Schooley, age 68, of Fort Collins, passed away peacefully August 6, 2009 at Pathways Hospice following a courageous battle with a lifelong illness. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 am Thursday, August 13, 2009 at Foothills Garden of Memory, Hwy. 287, North of Longmont on the West side. Sharon Bender was born October 7, 1940 at the family farm in Sheboygan County Wisconsin, to Arno and LaVerne Bender. At the age of twelve, Sharon's family moved to Colorado where she eventually graduated from Longmont High School. Sharon worked as a dental assistant for a while and also enjoyed babysitting in her later years. She was a former member of Berthoud Methodist Church. After successfully raising her family in Loveland, she spent her last two years at the Residence at Oakridge in Fort Collins. Sharon was a gentle soul who enjoyed being surrounded by her family and friends. She was an extraordinary cook and had a flair for making a house a home. She loved playing cards and family games and making beautiful flower arrangements. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Sharon is survived by two sons, Russell Schooley (& fiancé Tracy Minsky) of Allen, TX, and Randy (& Jen) Schooley of Berthoud; her sister, Sue Bender (& Marcy) of Loveland; brother Chuck (& Bev) Bender of Brighton; her sister-in-law, JoBeth Bender of Littleton; 2 granddaughters; 4 step grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, DuWayne Bender. Her family requests that any memorial donations please be made to Pathways Hospice or the American Lung Association in care of Goes

Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Dr., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Schooley*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

RS

“ Sharon Schooley

*A remarkably wonderful and loving Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Relative and Friend to all! Sharon was a very peaceable person. She was never one to instigate argument, but rather always strived to maintain peace and harmony amongst family and friends alike. She lived for family gatherings and the kinship she regarded so highly and enjoyed so immensely with her friends. Though her health issues hindered her, she never let it stop her from doing and caring for others in the best way possible. She lived for doing for others whenever she saw an opportunity to do so. As a Mother she was always there with a listening, considerate, consoling ear. Repeatedly she always gave of herself wholeheartedly and unselfishly. She loved both of her boys and all of her grandchildren immensely in addition to her family and friends. Despite her meager means, there was never a Christmas where she did not have gifts for the children under her tree. Her love, generosity and kindness seemingly knew no bounds! Herself, she was never one to ask for something and went out of her way to never place burden upon anyone. She made every effort to be as self-sufficient as possible and to do far more for others than she ever received, needed or required in return. Although she will be missed dearly, it is wonderful to finally see her resting in peace and be able to reflect upon all the wonderful moments she created and shared with those of us fortunate enough to be a part of her life. She lived her life in angelic fashion and is now most assuredly one of the esteemed angels in Heaven. Go in peace and be thankful for the opportunity with which we were all blessed in sharing her wonderful life while she was with us here on Earth.*

*A tribute to her remarkable life by her son, Russ Schooley*

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**Russ Schooley** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Sharon was a lovely woman, very accomplished homemaker and mother. It was a pleasure to know her. I regret not connecting with her and family more often.

*Blessings to Russ, Randy and all her loved ones.*

*Sincerely,  
Teri*

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**Teri Schooley Mansfield** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I was one of Russ's friends growing up in Loveland CO and was invited over regularly to the Schooley home. Ms. Schooley kept a great home and was always very warm and kind to me everytime I came over to visit. She was an absolute fantastic lady who will be greatly missed. I'm sure she heard "well done good and faithful servant" as she entered into our Father's Kingdom.

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**Greg Bigalk** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ I learned much about keeping a neat house from Sharon, but even more than that, I appreciated the fact that she rarely spent time gossiping. The last time we saw her, her greeting was warm and genuine...and very much appreciated.

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**Eldon & MaryBeth Nicholson** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ So sorry for your lose. Are prayers are with the family.

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**Joyce Davies** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ MOM

*A mother is someone who loves you unconditionally, a person who is kind, loving, and caring. Mother is the person who you may share your inner, most thoughts and feelings with, and never have fear of judgment or resentment. She is the one you can go to when you are feeling down, and receive a good dose of pick me up. When in her presence, you always feel at ease and relax no matter what else may be going on around you. Mother is the one who is there when the chips are down or when you may be feeling stressed or ill. She is the glue that holds the puzzle pieces together, and the one that is always there to lean on. She is the one to nurture and care for when you are ill. Most of all Mother is a pure and simple example of inspiration and love.*

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**Randy Schooley** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ There are so many fond memories of Aunt Sharon I am not sure I know where to start.

*I got to spend quite a bit of time with her when I was a little girl. I think the amount of testosterone in her own home with two good, but ornery and sometimes dueling boys had to be balanced out from time to time. :-)*

*When I think of her I remember a bright smile and twinkling brown eyes. Always dressed nice and hair in place, often with the gentle sent of Vanilla Musk perfume.*

*Getting to go over to Aunt Sharon's was always a treat. I can remember laying out in the sun with her, spraying ourselves with water and baby oil, making lemon bars, going to her brother Chuck's restaurant to pick up home-made brats, taking treats home from her of Mr. Salty's pretzel sticks or Twigs in a wax paper sandwich bag. And there was her candy drawer. She always had to check to make sure that the candy bars, licorice and the bubble gum were still soft and fresh. The wonderful, homemade hot German potato salad and famous pecan pie on holidays that I learned to love.*

*She seemed to have a knack for and love of decorating a house even when it was a small farm house. The black and red lady bugs in her kitchen on 287 in Loveland, and the way she could make anyplace look like a show home but also very welcoming.*

*A common phrase, often with a bit of a laugh, "I'm going to get the belt" when Russ and Randy were acting up or teasing her makes me smile.*

*She was always happy to help with a baby or bridal shower or just happy to get to shop for a gift for one. She loved babies and even kept my daughter, Hillary for me several times when I worked in Loveland.*

*I can remember many times that our family and even sometimes Mr. & Mrs. Bender and Susie, sometime Jo and Duane, Chuck and Bev as well sitting around a table in her kitchen or dining room playing cards after she had fed us all. She seemed to have a genuine love of people and I think all of her nieces and nephews felt that she cared for them equally.*

*I can only end by saying how thankful I am to have had her as an Aunt and how much gratitude I have for her for her part in giving me such warm memories of a happy childhood. I will miss her but really, I will always have her with me in the gifts she gave me in the memories of the time and love she gave me and all her family and friends.*

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**Richelle Brown Poor** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sharon was a truly gentle lady & a "Homemaker" in the finest sense of the word. In spite of her health problems, her home was always immaculate & artistically decorated & open to friends & family. She was a loving Mother and a wonderful cook. During harvest season on the farm, she would often spend the entire morning preparing a delicious meal for the "crew", seldom sitting down to eat until everyone else had been well fed before going back to the field. Many of her recipes came from her German heritage, and they became highly anticipated & enjoyed at family gatherings. She was always more than willing to meet the requests for her hot German potato salad, poppy seed torte, & other favorites. As a teenager, & later a young wife with my husband in Viet Nam, I spent a lot of time in their home, sometimes along with her little sister, Susie. Sharon treated me as another sister, & never seemed to object to our frequent presence! She willingly shared her home and little boys with us, and later was a loving Aunt to my children. My Mother, Ava, is not here to make a tribute, but I believe they shared a special bond of love & admiration between them. Sharon never spoke badly of anyone. She accepted her physical limitations without self-pity. Even in recent years, I did not hear her complain about her life. She was cheerful & appreciative when we visited her, and happy to hear about our lives & children & grandchildren, & see the latest pictures. I used to love to hear Sharon's "gurgly" laugh, not realizing when I first knew her that the gurgling was caused by her lung problems. I believe she is now laughing & breathing freely with the loved ones who awaited her in heaven. She was a blessing to many here on earth.

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**Sandy Schooley Brown** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear family of Sharon:

*I was so sorry to hear of Sharon's recent death. Sharon and my twin sister, Judy, were good friends when we were in high school. I have so many happy memories of our good times together--"dragging Main" (when it was legal), attending high school sporting events, and slumber parties. We had lots of fun riding in DuWayne's car and going to Hamburger Haven. Please know that I am praying that God will comfort and sustain you during the days ahead. I share your grief for a beautiful lady  
--a friend of long ago.  
Jean (Hohman) Britton*

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**Jean (Hohman) Britton** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ To you and your family,

*May you find comfort in memories and strength in each other's love throughout this very difficult time.*

*Love Wayne and Nancy (Wagner) Wilson*

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**Wayne and Nancy Wilson** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I think i had the privilege of knowing Sharon for nearly 35 years. There are circles of friends. I know i wasn't in the inner circle, however, we did 'connect' and continued the somewhat spotty correspondence going for most of the 30 years since I moved from Colorado.

*I, too, learned about, and first tasted, Hot German Potato Salad from Sharon; mine is never as good!*

*She was always a lady, neat as a pin, and fun. I remember one time we were in her car, probably going to lunch. The air conditioner was on. I kept trying to get comfortable, changing the direction of the air output. Eventually she realized what I was doing. She actually had the therm. turned down pretty low so I wouldn't be cold. She was being that considerate, actually getting too cold, herself, trying to make sure I was comfortable.*

*Russ, Randy, you probably don't remember me and that's okay. Please just know that I remember both of you and the love and pride she had in you.*

*God's blessings to each of you, your children and extended families.*

*Ever so sadly,*

*Lucy O*

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**Lucy Ormsby** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Sue and the Bender/Schooley Families:

*I am so very sorry for your loss. your sister sounds like a lovely person. I'm sure you will miss her greatly.*

*Sending my love, thoughts, and prayers your way, Sue.*

*Love,  
Donna*

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**Donna Bresee** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *It was an honor to be her sister in law. I learned so much from her. I thought she was always so pretty and well groomed, but it was what was inside that was so becoming to me. I truly have never heard her say a bad word about anyone and she endured her injustices of her life with dignity and grace. I write this with a heavy heart and with such sorrow. We will never have her at our holiday tables again and never play cards that she was so good at. The Lord blessed me with Sharon in my life and I am looking forward to seeing her in heaven some day. What a day of rejoicing that we be!*

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August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My heart goes out to all of Sharon's family and friends. We have all lost someone wonderful in our lives. My memories of Sharon are many over a lot of years. Her kindness and friendship is something I will always treasure. We had many good laughs. Sharon had a great sense of humor. Rest In Peace Linda and Norlen Sandy*

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**Linda Sandy** - August 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM