



Shelley Kerr

June 12, 1955 - October 28, 2022

Shelley passed away at home after a dignified battle against cancer at the young age of 67, with cherished husband and her dog by her side, the morning of October 28th, in Fort Collins, CO.

A Colorado Native, Shelley Kerr (Ramsey) was born in Denver, CO, growing up in Colorado Springs, CO, with her loving mother Nancy Kerr and father Jarrold Craig Ramsey, sister Kim and brother Jim across the street from Cheyenne Mountain High School, where she graduated in 1973, as prom queen, talented artist and vocalist. She was a youth member of Broadmoor Community Church.

Shelley graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and earned a Masters of Communications at Colorado State University.

A long-time resident of Fort Collins, CO, she was a real estate agent, communications consultant and actively involved with a variety of community interests. She loved ballroom dance and managed annual balls for "Friends of Traditional Dance." Shelley achieved her BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) by presenting her art work at the 2021 Loveland Sculpture in the Park Show, the largest outdoor juried sculpture event in the country.

Shelley married Dave Cummings, the love of her life, in December 2010. They

lead many endeavors including the non-profit Partners of Food Solutions to help food processing in Africa. Their life-long love of playing music with family, friends and the community inspired many others.

She is survived by her loving husband, brother Jim Ramsey (Jayne), and her five nephews Eric Meyer (Carolyn), Patrick Meyer (Emily), Chris Meyer (Kelley), Nick Ramsey, and Kyle Ramsey. Shelley is preceded in death by her parents and sister Kim Ramsey Meyer (Mark).

Shelley's life legacy includes her passion as a bronze sculptor (see www.kerrartworks.com for more info and to support her causes, including the Shelley Kerr Legacy Fund). Shelley became a spokesperson for bladder cancer survival, receiving national recognition at annual symposiums through The Albert Institute. In Oct 2022, her "To Live" sculpture installation at CU Anschutz Medical Center was dedicated to the gifted doctors, care giving staff, and medical institutions that contributed to her quality of life.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Shelley was smart, funny, creative and--unlike me--utterly fearless and unconcerned with negative people and feelings. I met Shelley in graduate school at CSU and remember that time of life with great fondness. Shelley was a big part of it. I am sorry time and distance didn't allow me to engage with the person she became. More importantly, I offer my sincere condolences to family and friends that did get that time with her. Michael Cavanagh*

Michael Cavanagh - November 14, 2022 at 09:09 AM

“ Dearest Dave:

What a sweet gift of life Shelley was. And is.

We met as artists, sculpting in bronze, starting first with wax. And clay, creating beauty in our small way as did our Father before us. His creations were the fruits of boundless love. Hers sprang from a beautiful spirit; it is no surprise that the fruits of her labor were so sweet and glory-filled.

I stayed with her and her delightful mom in Colorado when I went out to exhibit in and visit “Sculpture in the Park” for two or three years, sharing stories and laughter and prayer. When you and she lived in Minneapolis, Dave, I remember breaking bread together and attending your simple and unpretentious music gigs. There, both of you lifted your voices, lifted our spirits, and lifted us gently up to God. Your love for each other was there in concert as well, never flashy, always real, ever quietly on display—so much so, that I didn’t mind the accordion...

When cancer stole into her body, she accepted it. With resolve. And chose to fight back. Never once did I sense that it defined her. She had it; it didn’t have her. Across the years that I knew the two of you, I never once heard her complain or fall into self-pity. She might have been tired, she might have felt battle-worn, yet she still greeted each day with grace and appreciation that God in His mercy had gifted her with it.

Shelley was beauty and grace. She was light and luminance. She was talent and inspiration, humble example and heart-felt encouragement. She was our friend, she was your wife and partner, and she was faith and love. And so she shall always be, How easy it will be to recognize when we meet again in God’s Gallery of Perfect Love and Everlasting joy.

I intend to miss her and to grieve, but I will not be sad. I will not be

angry or berate God. She would smile tenderly and tell us that it wasn't necessary, that she had the life, the talent, the experiences, the family and the husband that God intended for her. And she reveled in it all. She would say that every day's sunrise and discovery and laughter and joy and peace were all precious gifts from God, and she would pray that I and we would see and celebrate every one, every day, and Thank God for His blessings.

*Theodor Geisel—Dr. Seuss—has the sweetest, simplest advice that applies for all who suffer the loss of someone we treasure:
“Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.”*

Dave, I cannot comprehend your loss but I do have the smallest sense of the joy that was your lives, shared. And every time that I shall remember Shelley, I shall smile because she happened.

With love, prayers for your peace, and thanks to God for 66 years of Shelly's luminous soul,

John Currie

John Currie - November 14, 2022 at 01:45 AM

BC

Thank you John for that thoughtful, heartfelt message. Barbara Cole.

barbara cile - December 01, 2022 at 10:55 AM

MA

“ *The Earth has lost a beautiful person but the Heavens have gained an angel. Our deepest condolences.
Michael & Debbie Arruabarrena*

Michael Arruabarrena - November 13, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dan Johnson - November 08, 2022 at 06:59 PM



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Dan Johnson - November 08, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ So deeply sorry for the loss of such a beautiful soul!

Grateful to have experienced her talent & love of music with her (& Dave).

Peace... Jan Fobes

Jan - November 08, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Fun in Breck



Brent - November 07, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dan Johnson - November 07, 2022 at 07:38 PM

BC

Thank you for posting this!

barbara cole - November 08, 2022 at 11:38 AM

BC

She was a illuminating example of joyfulness.

barbara cole - November 08, 2022 at 11:39 AM



Shelley was such an incredible person and friend!

Dan Johnson - November 08, 2022 at 09:21 PM

PM

Dear Dave and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of Dear Shelley. She was such a fine, talented and loving individual. I had met Shelley about 25 years ago at a business gathering and we somewhat stayed in touch so we were acquaintances. When Shelley and Dave first came to our song circle at DazBog on Cherry St they really added to the enjoyment of the event. Shelley was and still is the only accordion player that has ever attended. The last time you both had attended was when we moved the song circle to Columbine West Rehab Center so one of our long time member Jeff Hoffman who became very ill would be able to attend. Dave you and Shelley did a duet of the John Prine song in Spite of Ourselves and it was a performance for the ages. Jeff talked about it a few times how much he liked it. I remember it like you did it yesterday. Our little corner of the world is a much better place when Shelley was with us and her sweet memory will live on in our hearts. Sincerely, Paul Matonis

Paul T Matonis - November 17, 2022 at 08:15 PM

FK

You always remember those soft ocean breezes that brush across your face and fill you with a sense of warmth. That is what Shelley will be to me. Francie Koehmstedt

Francie Koehmstedt - November 30, 2022 at 03:40 PM