



Valerie Kay Arnold

February 1, 2020

Valerie Kay Arnold, 48, of Fort Collins, died Saturday, February 1, 2020 at home with her family.

Valerie was born in Ely, Nevada to Harlan and Alice Arnold and lived in Salt Lake City, Utah before moving to Fort Collins. She was the youngest of seven children.

Valerie was a graduate of Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins and received her a BA in English, an MA in Education and a Juris Doctor degree, all from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Valerie clerked for the Colorado Court of Appeals right out of Law School then was an Assistant Attorney General for Colorado. She advised the Division of Real Estate at that time then did Family Law and Construction Defect Litigation. She worked as a deputy monitor for the City and County of Denver. Valerie then moved back to Fort Collins, becoming a realtor and most recently worked for Hub Real Estate.

Val was involved with many community organizations. She was a board member of the Red Cross of Northern Colorado, a board member of the City of Fort Collins Transportation Board, active with the Red Carpet Committee and sat on the Local Legislative Affairs Committee for the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce. She was a Trustee for the Poudre River Public

Library District, an associate board member for the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County and a graduate of Leadership Fort Collins. She was a Rotary member and an active supporter of the RYLA Leadership Camp.

Valerie was named the 2018 Chamber Volunteer of the Year and just prior to her death, the executive committee of the Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution renaming the annual "Volunteer of the Year Award" as the "Valerie Arnold Volunteer of the Year Award".

Valerie's favorite pastime was reading. She loved the classics and historical novels but would read anything that interested her. She was also a writer, writing children's stories for her nieces, as well as many short stories, and she had been writing a suspense novel for several years. She loved the mountains, hiking, beaches and all genres of music. Val was a master of connecting people based on interests or needs and she loved the art of negotiation.

Valerie is survived by her siblings, Brian Arnold (Denise), Noreen Arnold (Bill), Laurie Theurer (Ken), Janet Hackleman (Mark) and Neil Arnold (Dorothy); nieces Krista Crump (Nate), Emily St. Cyr (Wesley) Kaitlyn Hackleman, Paige and Riley Arnold. Nephews, Matthew Brien (Jessica), Marc Brien (Libby), Philip Theurer, Timothy Theurer (Amber), Bryan Hackleman, Zachary Theurer and Seth Arnold; great nieces Adelaide and Penelope Brien, Stella Brien, Aliyah and Lydia Theurer; and great nephew Elijah Theurer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harlan Arnold and Alice Arnold.

A Memorial Service for Valerie will be held on February 29 at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 531 S College Ave, Fort Collins. If so moved, please bring a children's or teen book for any age to donate in her memory. Books will be donated to First Presbyterian Church's book drive.

A Celebration of Life Event will be held the following day, March 1 at 2:00 pm at the Drake Center, 802 W Drake Rd. We will start the program at 2:08 in honor of Val's tardiness. As this is a celebration of Val's life, we encourage guests to wear "colors of the sunset", if desired.

Memorial contributions may be made in Val's memory to any of the organizations listed above that Valerie was an integral part of: American Red Cross of Northern Colorado (<https://www.redcross.org/local/colorado/about-us/locations/northern-colorado.html>), Boys and Girls Clubs of Larimer County (<https://www.begreatlarimer.org/>), Faith Family Hospitality (<https://www.faithfamilyhospitality.org/>), Poudre River Public Library District (<https://www.poudrelibraries.org/>), and Rocky Mountain RYLA (<https://www.rmryla.org/>).

"I had three chairs in my house: One for solitude, two for friendship, three for society." Henry David Thoreau.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (MT)

First Presbyterian Church
531 South College Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80524
crichardson@firstpresfc.org
<http://www.firstpresfc.org/>

Celebration of Life

MAR **1**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Drake Center
802 W. Drake Rd.
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Valerie Kay Arnold



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - March 03, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Valerie Kay Arnold

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Valerie Kay Arnold.



February 26, 2020 at 06:22 PM

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“ *Book Beauties: This photo was from 2016 and Val has been a regular member of our monthly bookclub from before this picture and up until she passed. We did a candle light ceremony for her last Thursday at our regular bookclub evening. We will all be at her memorial service. Sending her loved ones so much love and light. - Kimberley*



Kimberley - February 11, 2020 at 09:27 PM

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“ *11 files added to the album Val's Early Years*



DOROTHY ARNOLD - February 11, 2020 at 02:45 PM

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DOROTHY ARNOLD - February 11, 2020 at 11:32 AM

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DOROTHY ARNOLD - February 11, 2020 at 10:54 AM

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DOROTHY ARNOLD - February 11, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Thank you for being such a bright spot for me when I first met you, and the constant encouragement and positive outlook you had for everything.

Romia Pritchett - February 10, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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Sarah - February 10, 2020 at 12:45 AM

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Geri Fischer - February 07, 2020 at 10:53 AM

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“ I first met Val our freshmen year in the Fall of 1989 at CU Boulder. She and Kathy were right next to me in Libby Hall. What a wonderful friendship that would develop and flourish for the span of the next 30 years. When I first met Val, I could tell right away, that she was someone who would inspire me to live my best life. Her quick wit and passion were qualities that kept her debating spirit at the heart of every conversation. I could listen to Val talk for hours, as it solidified her passion. I quickly knew that she had a fierce love for reading and enjoyed sharing her thoughts about the books she read. I laughed as she would relay thoughts about the dance class she was taking.

As we continued on our journey we roomed together the following year at the Buffalo Apartments. We joined our friendship circle with more friends and as the years went by our circle of friends would be referred to as the "Girlfriends." The "girlfriends" are so fondly my best part of CU, and it was because I met Val so many years ago that she impacted my life in such a profound way. Throughout the years we had more than enough memories to share about a skiing trip we took together, a Spring Break Girlfriend trip, camping trips, trips to the mountains, a Vegas trip, a concert at Red Rocks, many wedding celebrations and so much more.

Oh how I love Val. I have watched her grow through her educational experiences and professional accomplishments, handling so much of what life had carved out for her with such grace and courage. She accomplished so much in such a short period of time. Besides her being in Real Estate, and a Lawyer, Val also received her Professional Teaching License. Given her passion for reading and writing I could see her as a beloved English teacher, but her passions took her else where. I am so very proud of her accomplishments and the time she devoted to others. She sat on so many Boards and was involved in many organizations helping others. Yet she still had time for her friends. I cherish all the get-togethers, countless dinners, lunches, and sometimes brunches, (as Val loved to sleep) and many other outings we were able to share throughout the years.

Val your gift of friendship will live on in my heart forever dear friend!

Thank you for what you gave to me I love you!

Geri Fischer - February 07, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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Geri Fischer - February 07, 2020 at 04:55 AM