



Aadria A. Brown

April 16, 1976 - March 9, 2010

After battling cancer, in various forms, Aadria Brown passed away on March 9, 2010 at the Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland, Colorado. Aadria was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 16, 1976. She moved to Wyoming in 1984. While she moved around throughout the state, most of her childhood was spent in Rawlins. It was during this time that Aadria had her first cancer diagnosis and battled it off-and-on throughout her teenage years. As a student at Rawlins High School, Aadria competed in forensics where twice she won the right to compete at the National Forensics League tournament. During one of these tournaments, she was recruited to go to San Francisco State University on a communications scholarship. At San Francisco State she earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in English with an emphasis on Literature. She also developed a talent for writing, composing many poems and a novel that is now available on Amazon and Lulu.com. After college, Aadria worked in a variety of fields, including health care, computer technology, sales, secretarial, and retail in California, Wyoming and Colorado. She lost most her vision to a retinal disease in 2004, but continued to look for ways to contribute to society, such as giving presentations to classrooms about the challenges faced by vision loss. It was also during this time that she met the love of her life, Russ Brown. Aadria defeated cancer again in 2007 but could not survive this latest round that was diagnosed in June, 2009 Aadria is survived by her devoted husband, Russ; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Norm and Donna Brown; her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Trish and Chase

Swift; her "surrogate brother", Ryan Medhurst; her guide dog, Roz; and her "angel kitty", Isabelle. Aabria's family would like to thank the staffs at the PVH Oncology Department, Evergreen Home Health Care, and Pathways Hospice for their professionalism, kindness and caring. A celebration of life will be held on April 17, 2010 at the Brown family farm in Wellington. Contributions can be made to the Aabria A. Brown Memorial Fund, in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ Russ, Can't find the words to ease your pain, but know we have thought about you and Aadria many, many times during the last few months. She was so young and so brave. You are so changed by her presence in your life. You both knew love. With sympathy to you and your family. Ginger and Steve Rich

Ginger and Steve Rich - March 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We hadnt spoken in a long time but wish to honor your memory,Be well and may your paths be safe in there here after. V.S

john cole - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WO

“ Seri, Your cheerfulness always made me smile. This is something that Aadria wrote about herself: I am a butterfly; Fragile, beautiful, loving to a fault, easy to hurt but strong as the sun is bright. Life is too short to spend it hating, angry or with a grudge. Live as if today is the last, you wouldn't want to die in a foul mood! :

Wolfe - March 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Everytime I see a butterfly, I think of Aadria. May time be kind and your memories be sweet. And I hope Russ knows what a hero he is in my eyes. Peace

Tisa Aley - March 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Russ, you have been the most wonderful support system for your wife and she was blessed to have you in her life. Aadria was the strongest and bravest individual I have known. She was also the most resilient and seemed to find ways to manage each challenge. I have learned much from her. Our love and thoughts are with you.
Sue Schell

Susan Schell - March 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Every time I met Aadria I was amazed by her enthusiasm and kindness. Most people who faced the health challenges she did could not have stayed so positive. Thank you Aadria for being an inspiration to me, and for being such a beautiful and kind companion for my dear friend and teacher, Russ. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Megan Matonis - March 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ To Russ and the Brown Family: We are sorry to hear of Aadria's passing. Having gone down a similar path in the early 90s, Russ, I know what you have endured. We are unable to attend the April Celebration of Life, but rest assured we are thinking of you.

Wendell Frey/Raymond Moreno - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ZR

“ Mr. Brown, My sincere condolences are with you and your family. I remember, when I was a student at Poudre, watching you and your wife walk together. There seemed to be a lot of love and warmth between the two of you. My thoughts prayers are with you. Email me if you need anything.

Zach Rae - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Russ and all dear family of Aadria, with the words of a wise man, Henry Scott Holland 1847 -1918, we would like to ease your pain and your sadness and say: "Death is nothing at all, I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you; whatever we were to each other, that, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used, put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we shared together. Let my name ever be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well." Very, very sympathetically, yours
Doris and Birgit

Birgit and Doris Hofmann - March 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ We never met Aadria, and that was our loss. She obviously was a strong person who met life's challenges bravely. Our condolences to her family.

Bob and Linda Vrooman - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM