



## Andrea Adaire Fischer

July 4, 1950 - April 25, 2016

Andrea (Andi) Adaire (Radigan) Fischer July 4, 1950 — April 25, 2016

A true, fierce fighter to the end. After a courageous eight year battle with stage IV metastatic breast cancer, Andrea is finally at peace.

Andrea grew up in Bay City, MI. She and her husband, Dr. Howard Fischer lived in Tallahassee, FL until his retirement in 2009, then moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. Andrea had a career in Accounting before becoming Owner/Manager of a children's retail boutique. A Published Author and Licensed Real Estate Agent, she loved life's challenges.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lt. Col. John Radigan and sister, Mary Sue Radigan. Andrea is survived by her beloved husband, Dr. Howard J. Fischer, a cherished son and daughter, Lance Fischer (Michelle) of Kissimmee, FL and Colette Washington (Isaiah) of Tallahassee, FL; her beautiful grandchildren that gave her overwhelming happiness: Khari, Breana, Fiona, Jack and Lanelle; mother, Vivian Radigan; sisters, Kitty (Robert) Prior, Michelle Page, Robin (Peter) Sewell; brother, Michael Timothy (Rosemary) Radigan; aunt, Audrey Gladen and other aunts and uncles, many special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cremation has taken place at the request of Andrea. There will be a

Graveside Service and Memorial at Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins, CO on Monday May 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

A celebration of life luncheon and reception will follow at the Dr. H. Fischer residence in Loveland, CO.

Memorial Donations in Andrea Fischer's name may be sent to: Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Rd., Fort Collins, CO 80525.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 2. 2:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Hello to the family of Andrea Fischer, my condolences to you all in your loss. I learned of her passing through the Bay City Times and then discovered she was a resident of Ft. Collins, CO. My only connection to her family may be through a distant family relationship, that being I was raised in Bay City, on McLellan St., two homes away from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Radigan, our neighbors. That would make them her grandparents, I am assuming, at this point. I knew they had a son, John, also in the military, as was his father. I profusely apologize if I have intruded on your privacy in your grief. I lost my wife in February to the scourge of Cancer after 53 years of marriage, and have come to know both grief and the disease on a personal level. God's blessings on you all.

James M. Gates  
Longmont, Colorado

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**James Gates** - May 07, 2016 at 03:34 PM

MP

Yes. Andrea was my sister. And my father's family is who you described. I just happened to look at her Obit. for some reason, and saw your note. Thank you .

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**Michelle Radigan Page** - June 21, 2020 at 02:54 PM

“ Andi's Eulogy page 2

*So today I want to especially honor an amazing, beautiful spirit and her great, compassionate heart and the truly wonderful and beautiful woman who was and is my beloved wife of 32 years.*

*When those of us who were helping to care for and nurture Andi through the last stages of her life thought we knew what was going on. When we thought that she was getting too weak, and we tried to ask her to stay in bed unless someone was there to help her, time and again she would sort of say ok and then quietly wait until we left the room.*

*And then suddenly, we'd hear a sound and go rushing back into the room only to find that Andi had gotten herself up, gotten herself out of bed, walked across the room and taken herself where she wanted to go. And then with that Radigan twinkle in her eye, she would look at me and give me a little smile and let me help her back to bed.*

*Such an unbelievably strong woman!*

*She sent many of you a photo this year with a quote on it that was from her heart and her spirit. Those words were pure Andi, clear and true when she said:*

*“You never know how strong you are until you have to be.”*

*All of you who know Andi have your own stories of her strength and the grace with which she navigated her life and lately this cancer journey.*

*Many of you also know of the deep abiding love she had for her family, and especially for her children and grandchildren. She was always a believer that it was better to give than receive and her*

*fierce heart always wanted to shower her family with all the love and giving that she could.*

*So again, in honor of this woman of great strength, will and beauty, I once more give her my never-ending love and know with no doubt that her spirit will be with me forever and that it will also fill the universe now that it is free of a body that was never big enough to contain it. In Andi's words, no more pain, rest gently.*

*A very special spirit has left her earthly body now and I wish for all who knew and loved her to feel the touch of her spirit as she reminds us that spirits are eternal... as is love.*

*I will love you forever my darling Andi.  
Always and Forever!*

*From Howard*

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**Howard Fischer** - May 03, 2016 at 02:33 PM

“ Howard’s Eulogy from the memorial service

*I want to start by thanking all of you for being here today and I want to thank Dale for his inspirational words and prayers.*

*So I’m sure this is the hardest thing I’ll ever do.*

*I’m starting with a very broken heart and I hope that what we do and say here today and the honor we give Andi will help me and all of you to heal and to go forward as better people for having known Andi in this life.*

*When my Father passed away, I said at his memorial that he was the strongest man I’ve ever known.*

*I want to say here today that Andi was the strongest woman I’ve ever known.*

*All of you here, whether her beloved family or friends or members of the extraordinary team of medical professionals who helped us through this final journey, all of you contributed in your own way to us being fortunate enough to have had Andi stay with us in this world for as long as she did.*

*And for those who couldn’t be here today, especially Andi’s mom Vivian Radigan and her Aunt, Audrey Gladen, with their life-long love they too had a special place in Andi’s heart and in forging the spirit and strength that allowed Andi to be the person that she was.*

*I need to thank Dr. Regina Brown who saw the path for Andi to walk at the very beginning of this journey and time after time reminded us that hope and quality of life were the keys to survival.*

*I want to add a special thanks to Robin and Pete, to Coreen, Anna, Kacey and Dale for their loving and tender help in caring for Andi these last few weeks and for helping to hold me up and keep me*

*fed, and keep me strong enough to see this through. We couldn't have made it without you.*

*There was so much more to Andi's life than her cancer journey. So I want to talk a bit about it here because she was never willing to not be herself or do what she wanted to do no matter what else was happening in her life.*

*I want to start by saying that Andi taught me everything I know about strength and responsibility and together we learned an awful lot about love and commitment.*

*Andi was very artistic. She had an eye for patterns and design that stretched into everything she did.*

*She designed the interiors of every home we lived in throughout our marriage and they were always beautiful. But, of course, being Andi, she would always get another vision for how it could be and lots of times I would come home and find that she had redecorated a room or two and wow, it was even nicer.*

*She painted, she did crafting, she was a natural musician at the piano and a published author of greeting cards and a writer of children's books and stories. I could, but won't, go on and on since these are just a few of the many accomplishments and talents of my wonderful wife.*

*All of us who knew Andi knew that at her core, she was always Andi, and her strength, her will, and most of all her grace through what ever came her way, through out her life, will always be an inspiration and an example of a great spirit rising.*

*One of the things she always said to me as she so bravely fought the cancer in her body this past 12 years exemplifies just who and what she is in her heart.*

*Andi always told me when it seemed too tough or painful or just too*

*sad to bare, that there wasn't any point in complaining or feeling sorry for herself. She just needed to do what needed to be done in the best way she could.*

*No matter how she felt, she always got herself up, did her hair and makeup, got dressed in a nice outfit, and went out and gave the world her very best.*

*She always told me that looking and acting her best was an important gift to give to the people she loved and the people she dealt with each day. And with those thoughts, through it all, she always remained herself, she never let the battle she was fighting overtake her!*

*continued in next post, H.*

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**Howard Fischer** - May 03, 2016 at 02:31 PM

JE

*Howard, your words for Andi were so beautiful and true. I am so happy that she was lucky enough to know such unconditional and devoted love through you. You took such amazing, wonderful and selfless care of her. Anyone who came in to Andi's life are better because of it. She was the bravest, kindest and most inspiring person I have been lucky enough to know. I will never forget the lessons she has taught me about strength and courage. Thinking of you and her always with love. Jessica, Andrew, Brody and Hadley*

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**Jessica** - May 19, 2016 at 04:49 PM

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**Kitty** - May 01, 2016 at 07:06 PM

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“ You Friends in the Science Division purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Andrea Adaire Fischer.



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**You Friends in the Science Division** - April 29, 2016 at 02:05 PM

RO

“ My sweet sister Andi, I will cherish all of the wonderful times we shared together. Even though we were 7 years apart in age, we became friends in our later years.  
You are my shining star, my inspiration, and may you soar in your next journey.  
I will miss you dearly.  
Your baby sis,  
Robin

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**Robin** - April 28, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Andrea Adaire Fischer.*



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April 28, 2016 at 04:53 PM



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - April 28, 2016 at 03:06 PM