



Anna Willene Langley Hendon

September 22, 1942 - November 2, 2011

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, Anna "Willene" Hendon, 69, passed away November 2, 2011. Willene was born September 22, 1942, in Little Rock, Arkansas, to Herschel "Tige" and Sarabel Langley. She was a graduate of Little Rock High School, University of Arkansas, and Colorado State University. She married Robert "Bob" Hendon on August 22, 1964. She raised their two children at their home in Fort Collins. Most recently, she worked for the National Parks Service developing web-based tools and databases, a job she thoroughly enjoyed. Willene loved the outdoors and supported numerous environmental causes, including otter spotting for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. She loved learning and took a vast array of classes including gardening, bird watching, Facebook, Twitter, and computer programming. At 62, in her most recent educational accomplishment, she earned a Master's Degree in Computer Information Systems from CSU. She had previously earned a Master's Degree in Natural Resources, with her thesis on Lory State Park being highly requested at the CSU library. Known for having a positive attitude, great sense of responsibility, and strong moral integrity, Willene always thought of others first and found ways to help others in need. Willene easily made friends, and willingly reached out to befriend those she did not know. She donated her time and effort to several charities and organizations. As a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, she served as a President and Past President of the Fort Collins Panhellenic chapter. Her love and light will be greatly missed. Willene is survived by her husband, Bob, of

47 years; her daughter, Serena Hendon-Gentry Paul of Parker, Colorado; son, Keenan Hendon Darci of Cheyenne, Wyoming; grandsons, Chauncy, Quincy, and Brendan; two brothers, George Brenda of Texas, and Sam Gwen of Tennessee, and numerous friends. She was preceded in death by her Mother and Father. A visitation for Willene, with family present, is scheduled from 6:00–8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The visitation is available for family and for those unable to attend the service on the Wednesday. A Funeral service for Willene is at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow the service at Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, friends can make contributions to the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Silent Unity or to any charity of your choice "in memory of Willene Hendon" in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her plant collections made in the mid-1960s! We have digitized some of her collection and it can be found at pnwherberia.org.

Carolyn Ferguson - August 01, 2017 at 01:28 PM

SP

“ I am shocked to hear of Willene's passing. I had lunch with Willene in September and she was as vibrant and fun-loving as ever. She always had fascinating new knowledge to share with me. I will miss her tremendously. My condolences to Bob and the family. Sheila Paul

Sheila Paul - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Willene was such a positive and kind soul. I worked with her at CSU and she was a fun and interesting person to know. My “roots” were in Arkansas, as were hers. I often judged the Larimer County Fair’s 4-H crocheting and knitting projects, and Willene and her husband regularly gave prizes to the kids who participated. I knew she had moved on to greener pastures, as I did also, and I’m glad she found something rewarding to do with the rest of her life. I offer my condolences to the entire family. Wow, she got a second Master’s Degree at age 62—that’s impressive!

Karen Cagle - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Bob, Keenan and Serena and families, We were saddened to read of Willene's passing. She always had a friendly smile and a kind word. Our sincerest sympathy to you all during this very tender time.

Jim and Arta Mae Bass - November 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Willene - You have been a wonderful friend. I will miss your physical presence, but know that your loving and caring spirit will always be there. Thank you so much for your friendship.

Sherry - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Willene, You are a great friend and I loved working with you. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to our Father in Heaven for allowing me to get to know one of his choice children. We little know that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly. In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again. Until we meet again, Dan

Dan - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Bob, Serena and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of your wife/mother. I remember how much she loved learning, especially all things computer related. I have fond memories of her from CSU and through Serena and Paul. I know she'll be dearly missed. Linda

Linda McNamara - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Aunt Willene, I am so glad we were able to see each other twice this past year, share several phone calls and lots of laughs. It seems like we were just getting reacquainted when God needed to call you home. I will truly miss you. I will end our conversation as you always did.... I love you!

Liesa Hendon Williams - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I am very sad to read of Willene's passing. Though I only knew her a short time, through Freecycle, and she was a kind and generous soul. No doubt she will be missed by all who know and love her. My condolences to her family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda Scofield - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Willienne, My condolences to your whole family. Our whole family will always remember you and Dr. Bob for your generosity towards summer camps/schools for my girls and the awesome craft supplies that kept our hands and minds busy through the tough times. We are so sad to hear of your passing and know that it was because your heart had become angel size. We will meet again in that higher place. Bless you and yours.

Cricket - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Bob, Keenan, Serena and family, I am so sorry for your loss! Willene was one of the more lovely persons I've ever met. Smart, kind, funny and loving---the world is surely a lesser place without her bright light shining. May God surround you with love and grant you solace at this sad time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sherry Leeper - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I was so very saddened to read of Willene's passing. I will always treasure the wonderful memories I have of her as a wonderful part of our lives at Laurel School, her friendship to me through the years, and, her desire to always help those around her. She was a true blessing to those of us who had the privilege of knowing her.

Abbie Schnorr - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I am so sorry we lost Willene. I am a friend from exercise class and sorority functions. She was always such a positive person. She will be greatly missed.

Peggy Grice - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Willene, I feel honored and blessed to have worked with you and I will miss you. Your positive outlook, concern for others, and encouragement meant so much to me. You exemplified congeniality and filled our lives with goodness. My heart and prayers go out to your family.

Julie Fleming - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Half a lifetime ago, Bob and Willene graciously opened their home, hearts and minds and taught a class called "Beginning Psychic Development". Your warm smiles, gentle and giving natures made an impression on me then, and formed a memory that I still cherish. You were a fork in the road in my life, and it took me to a higher place and path that I continue to pursue with pleasure. I am forever grateful and blessed that I crossed paths with you.

Randy Redmond-Ott - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Please know that our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. We had the pleasure of knowing Willene as an "in-law" wife and Mom, as Grandma "far away", and as a dear, generous friend. We too, will miss her. Bill & Pat

Bill & Pat Fairbanks - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ The earth has been diminished, but Heaven enriched. Bless all who mourn the passing of one of the good ones.

Sue Butler - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Dr. Bob, please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of your loss. I am so sorry.

Gaylene Wolfe - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Hendon Family, I was shocked and then saddened to read of Willene's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Willene when she was a graduate assistant at the CSU Career Center in pursuit of her Master's in Information Systems. I was in awe of her tackling all that technical material at her age! She was a shining example of someone who loves learning. She was blessed with a great mind and a lovely personality. I enjoyed her very much. I am sorry for your loss.

Connie Horak - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Willene, I have been blessed in knowing and working with you during the past two years... "all things bright and beautiful". Your wisdom, kindness, honesty, and friendship will long be admired, appreciated and remembered.... "softly and tenderly". You were a very special person and I thank God that our paths crossed here on earth... "beyond the sunset forever more". Miss you, but will meet again up in heaven. God Bless. Your NPS friend in Michigan.

Dale A. Morlock - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Willene.....I feel blessed to have known you. Your loving, generous nature enriched my life more than you know. Thank you for your friendship. Georgia

Georgia L Gerlock - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Miss you mommy. Your grandson finally crawled today.

Serena Hendon - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I miss you mom. I look forward to meeting again and filling you in on all the great activities of your kids and grandkids.

Keenan Hendon - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Hi Willene: I love you and miss you. Although I no longer can see or hug you I feel your loving presence now and always.

Bob Hendon - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM