



Annette Derr Hersh

September 14, 1957 - July 19, 2022

Annette Derr Hersh was born on September 14th, 1957, in Laramie, Wyoming to Eugene (Gene) and Geraldine (Gerry) Smith. Number five of eight children, Annette was a beloved sister and best friend to her family. She graduated from Laramie High School and went on to attend the University of Wyoming as one of the first female athletes to receive a scholarship from the University for diving. Annette's love and pride for Wyoming were much like those Cowboys, strong and full of grit. She left for Montana to become a hairdresser, returning to Laramie where she met the love of her life, Hank. Annette followed Hank to Fort Collins where she did hair and worked as Secretary and Treasurer at Henry Hersh Trucking. Her most cherished roles were as a mother, wife, sister and "Grams".

Annette was full of laughter and love for her family. Her siblings, husband, sons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and family were her pride and joy. She was a great entertainer, making crave-able meals, and being the life of the party. Her crafts were endless, she could truly do anything with her many talents and was always the most festive of any bunch. Her quick-wit and competitiveness were always on display, often, the three times a year CSU and WYO played each other or during a round of golf. Annette was a treasured member of the Pelican Lakes community where her love for golf was always inside the fairway and on par. Whether it be during tournaments, ladies league or trying out a new course in Arizona or elsewhere, her laugh

was contagious and heard by all.

Annette was preceded in death by her father, Eugene (Gene) P. Smith; mother, Geraldine (Gerry) Smith; sister, Bernadette Smith.

She is survived by her husband, Hank Hersh; son, Scotty (Suzi) Hersh of Windsor, CO; grandchildren, McKenna and Teagan Hersh; step-son Josh (Whitney) Hersh of Timnath, CO; grandchildren, Addison and Charlie Hersh; siblings, Stacy Smith of Laramie, WY; Shelly Newman (Richie Harokopis) of Laramie, WY; Gene Smith of Laramie, WY; Bret Smith of North Hollywood, CA; Geri (Todd) Gillum of Oceanside, CA; and Jennifer (Barry) Hunt of Fort Collins, CO. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Anyone who was lucky enough to meet Annette got to be in the presence of a loving, caring, generous, talented, quick-witted, Wyoming gal that had the ability to bring a smile to anyone's face with her infectious laugh. She radiated love for people and life in every encounter. Annette was the epitome of the phrase, "I love you more", having an innate way of making every person in her life feel incredibly special.

A Celebration of Annette's Life will be held on Friday, August 12th at 2:00pm at Pelican Lakes Golf and Country Club, 1620 Pelican Lakes Point, Windsor, CO 80550.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you remember Annette through contributions to support causes that were near and dear to her heart such as Junior Golf, supporting underprivileged kids, education and more. Contributions can be made at <https://fundly.com/annette-hersh>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Pelican Lakes Golf Course
1620 Pelican Lakes Point
Windsor, CO 80550

Tribute Wall

KW

“ I was very sad to hear of the loss of Annette. I just heard the news from a family friend and unfortunately the funeral has already taken place. I would have been there to offer my love and support to the Smith family and Hersh family, had I known. My heartfelt condolences go out to you all. She was much too young to leave this earthly life. I am sending thoughts and prayers to you all.

Kristi Kipper Watson

Kristi Watson - August 13, 2022 at 09:17 PM

SB

“ Annette loved Pelican Lakes! I remember a time when she stood up in the banquet room and said this was the best place in the world! We shared many laughs with team play, Ryder cup and various other tournaments! She can't be replaced!

Sue Bowen - August 11, 2022 at 04:14 PM

TD

“ To Hank and family, we want to express our sincere condolences over the passing of your beloved Annette. I will always remember her joyful and witty personality and her love for golf. I looked forward to playing in the Border War golf tournament every year that you and Annette put together. 🙏 Please know we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Tom and Emma Dreiling.

Tom Dreiling - August 11, 2022 at 12:50 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry for your great loss. Annette had a presence that was bigger than life. She was so fun to be with, and I will miss her. She will always be with me in spirit.

Kathy Winkler - August 09, 2022 at 12:29 PM

SR

We are so sorry for your loss. Annette was such a ray of sunshine. Until someone pissed her off :). She always had a hug to share . Gunna miss her a lot. Love you all.

Shelly Richardson - August 12, 2022 at 09:26 AM

LS

“ We want Hank and family to know we are so sorry to hear about Annette's passing. We loved getting to know her and Hank when they came to Florence, AZ. We loved having drinks on the patio, golfing and doing home and yard projects with Hank's help. We thought about you often and shared stories and laughs remembering the fun we had. Our thought and prayers are with you.

Leslee Oziah and Norman and Evelyn Simons - August 08, 2022 at 07:51 PM

SF

“ What a beautiful friend Annette was to all who knew her. I grew up with her in Laramie and will always cherish the memories of sleepovers, swimming at the club, skiing and fun times on summer nights. To Hank, Scott and the entire Smith family I am deeply sorry for your loss. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.
God bless you all
SuSu

sue floyd - July 27, 2022 at 11:34 AM

JA

“ Annette was a fun-loving cousin! Always smiling and laughing, a bright light in any room. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. We are thinking of you all and sending prayers for peace and comfort. ❤️ Kevan and Julie Aegerter

Julie Aegerter - July 27, 2022 at 11:07 AM

DF

“ My heartfelt condolences to Hank and Scotty. Hank and Annette were great neighbors for many years. I fondly remember taking Scotty and my daughter to Tuscon to watch the Rockies baseball team play in spring league during the kids spring school break. A loss too soon for her family.

Dave and Alyssa Freddy

Dave Freddy - July 26, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CM

“ Annette was one of my best friends in high school and made school and everything else more fun. Great memories of the Skyline Skate Ranch where she worked and taught me how to skate. She also had a nice car which was an added bonus. She was a huge fan of my Christmas letters through the years and I always found joy in making her laugh as she had done for me so, so many times. Party time in Heaven! --Cathy Worthington Moen

Cathy Worthington Moen - July 26, 2022 at 11:03 AM

KE

“ Annette was one of my favorite people
She always had a hug and a smile for you when I was feeling down
she always had a way to make me smile!
Rip my friend .you are missed dearly .

Kevinkagel - July 26, 2022 at 10:57 AM

JS

“Annette was the first to welcome me into ladies league with a hug and her fun friendly outgoing personality. I have so many awesome and hilarious memories with her. She was the life of the party, had the best laugh, and lit up every room when she entered. She made my golf seat Green Bay Packer covers. She was so talented! She is so missed! Sending love and prayers to your families. 🙏💕💕

Jodi Smith - July 25, 2022 at 05:35 PM

“ *Janee Aegerter Bottom*

Janee & Tommy are so sorry and wish all the family the strength in the following words.

I'm Still Here
By Unknown Author

*Please don't mourn for me
I'm still here, though you don't see.
I'm right by your side each night and day
and within your heart I long to stay.
My body is gone but I'm always near.
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.
My spirit is free, but I'll never depart
as long as you keep me alive in your heart.
I'll never wander out of your sight-
I'm the brightest star on a summer's night.
I'll never be beyond your reach-
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.
I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around
and the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.
I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,
The first warm raindrop that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,
and you'll see that the face in the moon shine is mine.
When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
you can talk to through the Lord up above you.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees,
and you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.
I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
and the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face.
Just look for me, I'm every place!*

Janee Aegerter Bottom - July 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

RB

“ *Annette always had a smile and a hug for me! She had a way of making you feel special. She was an amazing lady and will be missed!* ”

Ron Bowen - July 25, 2022 at 03:37 PM

BR

“ *She was SO MUCH FUN! She was so welcoming and kind and made everyone feel special and included. My favorite memory is one night in Hawaii before the wedding in their rented condo and the jokes, laughter and fun we all had. She told so many funny jokes - my face hurt from smiling so much. I am so very sorry for this horrendous loss - what a hole she will leave in so many lives. My love, light and prayers to all who loved her.* ”

brandi - July 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM

MB

*Hank and family, my sincere condolences. Heartfelt of prayers for you.
Mary Ann MacKenzie Bradley*

Mary Ann Bradley - July 25, 2022 at 08:46 PM

KH

How we will miss Annette at Pelican and in our lives. So sorry your family is experiencing this tragedy. We are sending you our prayers and good thoughts.

Karen and Roger Harvey

Karen Harvey - August 12, 2022 at 12:12 PM

MG

“ I knew Annette years ago when she and Hank lived in Dellwood Heights. She was a wonderful hairdresser and friend. I often wondered what happened to her after they left the neighborhood. I'm so sorry to hear of her demise and know she will be missed, deeply, by all. Rest In Peace Annette!
Mary Garcia

Mary Garcia - July 25, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ Todd and I have known Annette and Hank for years. Annette was always smiling, laughing and full of fun. Loved golfing with her and just hanging out. Will miss her. Rest in Peace Annette. Todd and Billie McHone

Billie McHone - July 25, 2022 at 12:13 PM

JJ

Sorry for your loss I will miss her all my love and prayers go where all the angels are you will always be in my heart

Jackdepew jr - July 25, 2022 at 12:39 PM

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Janee Aegerter Bottom - July 25, 2022 at 03:32 PM

ME

“ Almost a year ago I was able to spend time with Annette at my beautiful cousin, Madison (Hunt) Merritt's wedding. I had the best time laughing and talking with her. She told me the best stories, and I just loved getting to spend time with her that day. Even though I do not have many memories with her I am thankful for the time I did get with her. She had the best family that loved her so much. With Love,
Merritt Hunt

Merritt - July 25, 2022 at 11:41 AM