



Bonnie Lee Szidon

September 6, 1952 - May 11, 2025

At her home, with her devoted husband at her side, Bonnie Szidon joined her mother in heaven on Mother's Day, May 11, 2025. She was 72 years old.

Parkinson's disease marked the last decades of Bonnie's life, but her determination to live each day to the fullest was an inspiration to all. She never stopped entertaining friends and family, loving to shop and collect beautiful things, planning family reunions, going to concerts, traveling with their dogs in the Airstream, reading, and perfecting their home and yard.

She was a hard worker and a perfectionist; she was a seeker of truth, a philanthropist, a loving wife, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend to many. She was stylish and kindhearted, always genuine and loyal. And Bonnie was fun!

Born in 1952 in Scottsbluff, NE, she spent her earliest years in Lusk, WY, moving to Denver for 6th grade. As she entered 9th grade, the family moved to Fort Collins, and later, she graduated with the class of 1970 from Fort Collins High School.

She attended Temple Buell College in Denver for a year and later received a degree in English from Chadron State College in Chadron, NE.

At a fortuitous 10th-year class reunion, Bonnie and classmate Kim Szidon

were reintroduced and began dating. December 24th of that year, they married at the Bixler residence in Fort Collins, CO.

From the early years of their marriage, Bonnie and Kim worked at Ranch-way Feeds, where they rose to management and helped elevate the company to success and regional respect. At her retirement in 2016, Bonnie was President of Ranch-way Feeds, where she and Kim worked together for nearly 30 years. They built strong relationships with customers and employees, considering them family. Bonnie loved Ranch-way and found it difficult to retire.

She served as president of the Fort Collins Junior League, where her focus on uplifting the lives of Women and Children was amplified. She was on the board of the Downtown Development Authority. She gave generously not only encouragement but also substantial donations to the Fort Collins Parkinson's Association, the Humane Society, the CSU Animal Science Department, the Fort Collins Symphony, the Larimer County Food Bank, Respite Care, Animal Friends Alliance, the United Way of the Navajo Nation, and St. Joseph's Indian School.

Bonnie loved all her dogs and kitties, and they loved her. Holly and Hershey are missing her hugs and kisses now.

She is survived by her loving husband, Kim Scot Szidon; her brother, Joe Bixler (Erica Suchman); nephews, Scott (Hannah) and Nolan; niece, Jackie; great-nephew and great-niece, Champion and Bianca; and a lifetime of friends.

Bonnie saw the brightness of everyone and everything.

Bonnie was predeceased by her brother Robert (Bob) and her parents,

Charles Kenneth (Kenny) Bixler and Phyllis Bixler. Vic Szidon, Roseann Hyslop Szidon, and brother-in-law Mark Szidon, Grandparents Jack and Bertha Parsons, and Harvey and Delia Bixler.

Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Life for Bonnie, to be held at her home, 863 Grey Rock Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524, on June 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial Donations may be sent to: Animal Friends Alliance (savinganimalstoday.org), Parkinson's Association of the Rockies (parkinsonrockies.org), Larimer County Food Bank (foodbanklarimer.org), Pathways Hospice (giving@pathways-care.org)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Szidon Residence
863 Grey Rock Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80524-9494

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Just recently heard of Bonnie's passing. I had the privilege of working for Kenny Bixler and Benny Coons at Rocky Mountain Bank many years ago. The memories of this relationship with the Bixler Family are many, and also, seeing the success that Bonnie and Kim obtained at Ranch Feed Mill. Our deepest sympathy to Kim and Joe. Gary and Betty Butler

Gary Butler - August 14, 2025 at 12:26 AM

DR

“ Bonnie was just a delightful impish woman... from my perspective! We were sorry to hear of her passing and our hearts are with you Kim. Deni La Rue & Steve Weintraub

Deni La Rue - July 16, 2025 at 06:16 PM

PP

“ Kim and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Bonnie's passing! I always enjoyed visiting whether it was Car Business or Dropping of Apples 🍎 from Spradley Barr Ford at Christmas time! She, Kim and the crew seemed to be excited to get them ! Also seeing her at a Ranchway event at Larimer County Fairgrounds in the Ranchway Feeds Building! Everyone's life will be a little less Bright without her. Please remember sweet memories and special times with her Kim, Family and friends.

Paul Phillips - June 21, 2025 at 10:25 PM

DK

“ *Kim and family,
We are very sorry for the loss of your beloved Bonnie. I (Deb) served with Bonnie in the Junior League of Fort Collins and remember her fondly not only as a good leader but also as a welcoming, kind, and supportive spirit who made me feel at home. My husband (Rick) remembers Bonnie from Ranch-way Feed, which in 1992 reformulated a special wafer for the Division of Wildlife (my husband's employer) to feed starving deer. The lowered pricing on the wafer was a true act of compassion and community service. We both owe Bonnie a debt of gratitude, which we have perhaps inadequately expressed in the past. So we say it again now: Thank you, Bonnie. And thanks to all of you for sharing her with us.
In love, sorrow. and gratitude,
Deb and Rick Kahn*

Debra Kahn - June 21, 2025 at 11:28 AM

KB

“ Dear Kim, Joe, Erika, & family,
I have many fond memories of reunions at the ranch, where family homesteaded, time in Scottsbluff, Estes, & Fort Collins. I am forever grateful for cousin Bonnie introducing me to Cousin Edie, in Tucson, as we have formed a bond with her family when we were living in there. This friendship with Tucson council & her family, I owe to Bonnie.
Fond memories of lunches over the years with Bonnie, Kim, Joe, Uncle Kenny, Aunt Phylis, when my folks, husband, daughter & I would head through to Yellowstone, Estes Park, or Steamboat. I will never forget Bonnie's energy, enthusiasm, and how she would always ask about you. Always asking about you & your life.
Kim, Joe, Erika, & family, may the memories of good times together, shine through your tears. My mom will be there with you today. Wish I could be there too. Sending virtual hugs.
Hugs & Love,
Cousin Kim Bartman (Rick & Eliana too)

Kim Bartman - June 21, 2025 at 08:59 AM

DW

“ It has taken me awhile to write a memory...every time i read the comments I start feeling very emotional and sad...so I will just proceed. Kim and Bonnie were best friends. I was lucky to be a person Bonnie shared time with. The biggest complement I can give her is that I have never met anyone in my life that gave so much of herself, often to complete strangers. When we were out and about, she would see a child crossing a street and arop to watch to make sure he got across safely. And there was no end to her bountiful joy. I believe she lived several lifetimes here on this planet. As many have said, she was always perfectly dressed with matching outfits so I am sure when I see her again in heaven, se will have the most glittery, swirly, shiny wings than anyone else. Love, Diane and John

Diane Walker - June 19, 2025 at 12:09 PM

VM

“ *Kim and family: so sorry to learn about Bonnie's passing. I had the privilege of working with her at many Poudre Landmarks events. Her positivity and can-do attitude made every interaction a delight. We will try to carry on her enormous legacy in Fort Collins. Much love, Vicki Fogel Mykles*

Vicki Fogel Mykles - June 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry to hear of Bonnie's passing! She was a brilliant light wherever she went, whether at art events, the feed store, her beautiful home or out on the town. She will be greatly missed by so many. We will treasure many fond memories of being with her - Carl & Sarah Judson*

Sarah Judson - May 27, 2025 at 06:25 PM

PS

“ *Bonnie was a golden soul. She was a person who could make you feel like you were the only person in the room that counted. I met her in the ninth grade when she moved into town. On the first, she had won the heart of everyone at Leshar. That love of people continued all of her shortened life. Bonnie loved life and greatly improved others' lives by setting the bar high for how you treat others with kindness and respect and laughter. She was a giver, impacting business and the community. She and Kim were always fun to be with at their home. Bonnie will always be remembered for her beautiful heart.*

Psm Swerer - May 26, 2025 at 11:54 AM

JF

Beautiful said. She was all of that. And with Kim they exponentially uplifted other.

joan fullerton - May 26, 2025 at 04:40 PM

BB

“ *Kim,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of the two of you.
Bill Babcock*

Bill Babcock - May 23, 2025 at 08:32 AM

AN

“ *Yes I remember Bonnie in high school. The beautiful blue eyed blonde in lovely outfits. Was so impressed she and Kim got together. Sorry Kim but you are on your own now. Know you will have lots of support just don't slide down. Will be donating to hospice who supported those I've lost.*

anonymous - May 22, 2025 at 10:36 AM

ML

“ *Oh Bonnie was full of life! We became friends in Junior League and I always looked forward to catching up with her. Bonnie was vibrant, kind and just the sweetest- and what a flair for dressing! She will be missed by many.*

Monique Lanphear - May 21, 2025 at 06:58 PM

JF

So stylish...her enthusiasm for beauty was contagious.

joan fullerton - May 26, 2025 at 04:41 PM

DS

“ I am very sad to hear about the passing of dear Bonnie. What a bright light wherever she went!!! We worked together with Junior League and both graduated as Lambkins from FCHS!!! Bonnie supported our community and embraced her health challenges with positivity and strength. Always saw her at El Burrito enjoying the green Chile!!! I will miss you sweet Bonnie...XoDeb Spotts

deb spotts - May 21, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JK

“ Dear Kim,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful wife Bonnie.
If I remember I met her first in Jr. High and then we attended FCHS together.
I remember her Zest for life and for those around her. She had many friends and I remember our days spending time together in different activities in High School and seeing her at Ranch Way Feed. She had a heart of gold and was loved by many. She will truly be missed at all the upcoming reunions, although we have wonderful memories of her. She was one of a kind.
My Condolences to all family and friends.
Sincerely,
Julia Muniz Koepsell



Julia Muniz Koepsell - May 20, 2025 at 03:40 PM

BS

“ What a beautiful and inspiring obituary for a truly beautiful and inspiring person. Bonnie will be remembered as a special friend and member of our community.

Ben Sartin - May 19, 2025 at 06:26 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bonnie Lee Szidon.



May 19, 2025 at 12:31 PM



“ Bonnie - Your friends and family will so miss you. Your always-welcoming smile made us feel instantly at home. The care and love we could see with you and Kim were an inspiration to us. The comfort is that we will see you again!

Tom Newman - May 19, 2025 at 06:41 AM



“ My most very deepest sympathies to Kim and Joe and family. I always enjoyed my interactions with Bonnie! I enjoyed chatting with her about animals and various things whenever she would call Hahn Plumbing with plumbing issues. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. I'm so very sorry.

Jody Hahn-pennington - May 18, 2025 at 11:11 PM



“ I knew Bonnie in Jr League. I remember her as always a sweet, engaging, intelligent and lovely gal.

Jo waldo - May 18, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Bonnie was such a positive and fun one to work with. Generous sponsor of so many non-profits including the Poudre Landmarks Foundation. Thank you Bonnie for being a kind leader in our community. xo Liza Judd-Salimbeni*

Liza Judd-Salimbeni - May 18, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JF

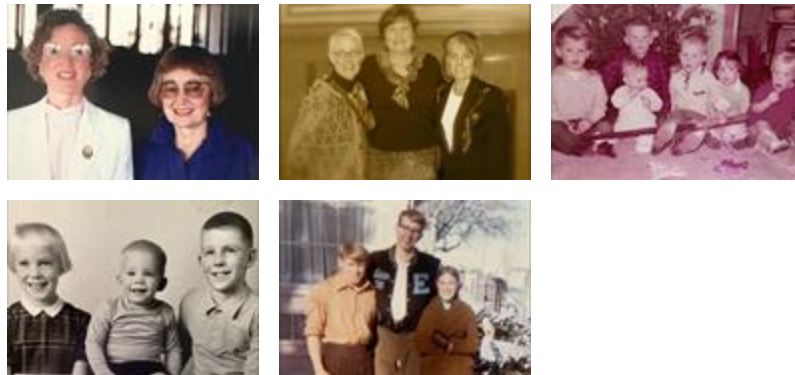
“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Joan Fullerton - May 14, 2025 at 10:24 PM

JF

“ *13 files added to the album Family Photos*



Joan Fullerton - May 14, 2025 at 09:23 PM

KF

“ *Bonnie and Kim adopted me for the holidays after my parents passed so I wouldn't be home alone. I felt held and loved. I will always be grateful for the time we spent together that Thanksgiving and Christmas. Love you Bonnie and Kim!!*

KarenK Fischer - May 13, 2025 at 10:35 PM