



## Gloria Kay Christensen

February 25, 1949 - January 9, 2025

Katie (Gloria Kay) Christensen

Jan. 9, 2025

Katie (Gloria Kay) Christensen came into this world on February, 25 1949, in Oakland, California. She left us, peacefully in her sleep, at home, in the wee hours of January 9, 2025, in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was 75 years old.

A series of illnesses left Katie mostly home bound for most of the last three years, but she never stopped planning her next adventure for when she got better. And she was very adventurous. She was an avid and accomplished whitewater kayaker. Hiking, biking, dirt biking, camping, river trips and road trips with friends and international travel were all things that Katie loved to do. After they met and fell in love, she also loved to go swing dancing to live music with her boyfriend, Elvis.

Katie received degrees in Elementary Education from San Diego State University, Oregon State University and Colorado State University. She taught school for Poudre R1 School District at Riffenburgh Elementary School in Fort Collins and Cache La Poudre Elementary School in Laporte.

Katie is survived by her niece Shayna Christensen, nephew Lawrence

Toussaint, sister-in-law Marlene Christensen, and an assortment of in-laws and outlaws.

Katie was preceded in death by her father Robert Kay Christensen, her mother Gloria Mae Christensen, nee West and her brother Robert West Christensen.

A wake for Katie will be held June 20th, 2025 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at The Swing Station, 331 Co Rd 54G, Laporte, CO. Following the wake will be "Katie Fest" with music and dancing from 2:00 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunscreen, umbrellas and lawn chairs may be needed.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be sent to: Animal Friends Alliance, 2200 N. Taft Hill Rd., Fort Collins, Colorado.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN **20**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Swing Station  
3311 County Road 54G  
Laporte, CO 80535

## Reception

JUN **20**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

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Laporte, CO 80535

# Tribute Wall

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**Patricia Mamantov** - December 10, 2025 at 10:25 AM

LS

“ *I am one of the very fortunate educators who worked alongside Katie Christensen at Riffenburgh Elementary School. She was a superior person and teacher. The students who had the opportunity to learn with Katie, are most fortunate, as she knew how to touch every child academically, socially and emotionally. I learned daily from Katie, to be a better person and teacher. I am blessed to have known and loved such an outstanding, beautiful soul.* Lynette Salzman

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**Lynette Salzman** - June 18, 2025 at 11:30 PM

DH

“ I ,as Principal, had the privilege of working with Katie at Riffenburgh School for ten years. She was a Master Teacher. Katie had the unique ability of bringing out the best in every student. She was a supportive team member and always contributed to the improvement of Riffenburgh. Katie always had a smile and loved life. She will be missed by her former students, parents, and colleagues.Thanks for being just you——-David John Hodge

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**David Hodge** - June 09, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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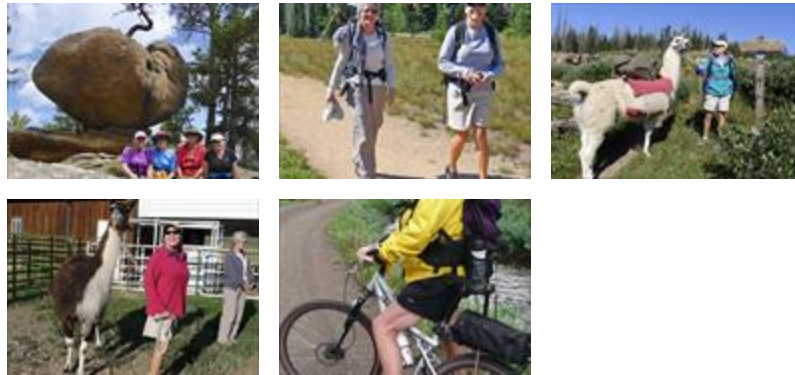
“ I had the great priviledge of working with Katie both at Riffenburgh and CLP Elementary schools. As a Special Education Para-professional I often accompanied my students in Katie's classroom where she did an excellent job of modifying the curriculum to their needs. It was the year 1991 when my husband Don was deployed along with his Air Evacuation Unit to serve as medic during Desert Shield & Desert Storm. Katie had her students enhance their writing skills by sending Don much appreciated letters from home. After the Gulf War ended she invited him to her classroom as guest speaker. He shared with the students about his war experience and about Middle Eastern culture. Katie was always kind and patient with both staff and students and always had an adventure to share.I have many fond memories of Katie that make me smile. Carolyn Bonenberger

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**Carolyn Bonenberger** - June 06, 2025 at 10:14 PM

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Margie Caswell - June 05, 2025 at 11:21 AM

MC

*Katie and I were colleagues and teaching partners at Riffenburgh Elementary. We had both minored in physical education, so loved doing activities together. We were on a tennis team. We rode bikes on roads and in the mountains, hiked, kayaked down the Poudre and Rio Grande, backpacked from Bear Lake to Grand Lake, and enjoyed adventuring together. We spent a month touring Baja, MX, in our pickup campers where Katie's Spanish was a big help. Katie was there when we needed to evacuate special memories to the safety of her storage room during the Cameron Peak fire. We shared beloved books. The only thing we did not share was her love of golf. Katie made a difference in many lives and is missed.*

Margie Caswell - June 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MP

“ *I remember meeting Katie on what I believe was her first date with Elvis, at Oskar Blues in Lyons. I am so glad they found each other, and I know he misses her very much. May she rest in peace and comfort.*

*Mary*

Mary Pridgen - June 04, 2025 at 10:44 AM

PS

“Katie exuded her love of life with the many kids she taught at Riffenburgh, my son included. Her energy, kindness, and talent as a teacher grew many students who saw her not only as a great teacher, but as a great, active person as well. She'll leave memories with us from early years with our family. Wish she'd have passed in a kayak adventure vs. a long home confinement. She would have preferred that. God Bless you Katie!  
Patty and Rayno Seaser and family.

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**Patty Seaser** - June 04, 2025 at 10:42 AM