



## Karna GeneAnn Brown Smith

September 11, 1971 - November 2, 2016

Karna GeneAnn Brown Smith of Thornton and formerly of Fort Collins, passed away at her home at the age of 45. Karna is the daughter of Jerry P. and JoAnn Brown of Nunn, CO. She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Truax and her husband, Brendon of Nunn, CO. She has a nephew, Landon P. and nieces, Kelsey and MacKenna Truax. Karna married Steven D. Smith on August 8, 1992. Steve passed away in December of 2014 and has a son, Andrew Smith-Mebust of Sparks, NV.

Karna was born in Fullerton, CA and moved to Fort Collins at the age of 8 and attended Shepardson Elementary, Boltz Junior High and graduated from Fort Collins High in 1989. At Fort Collins High School, she was drum major for marching band and All State first string catcher for her softball team. She also played competitive softball on the Fort Collins Buckaroos. She then attended Colorado State or University pursuing a degree in Broadcast Journalism. While at CSU she was in the marching and pep bands.

Karna's professional career began at Columbine Cablevision, Channel 14, in Fort Collins as a television production assistant making commercials and producing the nightly news cast. Her journey in television led her to Yuma, AZ where she met and married Steve and continued onto Rock Island, IL, Des Moines, IA, Minneapolis, MN and finally Denver where she worked at Channel 7 as a television director for 10 years. Karna won several Cable Ace awards,

Telly Award and two Emmys for her 24 years' of excellence in broadcasting.

The lights of Karna's life were her two nieces and nephew. She attended many of their sporting events and music programs. She also was an avid fur baby lover. Throughout her life she always had a menagerie of dogs and cats. As a family, we always had FFF, Forced Family Fun. All of our vacations were always together to Disneyworld, Daytona 500, Okaloosa Island, FL, Mexico and of course, cheering on the CSU Rams.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Highland High School Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 68, Ault, CO 80610.

Karna's celebration of life will be held on November 10th at 1 PM at:

River of Life Fellowship

3161 County Road 62E

Wellington, CO 80549

970-568-0838

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **10**. 1:00 PM (MT)

River of Life Fellowship  
3161 E County Rd. 62E  
Wellington, CO 80549

# Tribute Wall

WL

“ Dear Joanie, Jerry, Patricia & family

*Bill & I are saddened that you are missing dear Karna. The biggest loss.*

*We remember her offering to edit a college recruit softball video for Jenny Lopez. We were amazed & touched. She was so genuinely interested in helping. She was a Godsend.*

*She and I (Wendy) had a couple of sweet conversations at that time. She shared her active, intimate faith in God, her deep love for Trish and Mom & Dad.*

*We will always remember her great kindness. And the beautiful person she is.*

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**Wendy & Bill Lopez** - January 01, 2017 at 07:04 PM

TF

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in the fact that your friends and family want to be there for you during this trying time. Like it says at Proverbs 17:17, "A true friend is loving at all times, and a brother who is born during times of distress." For added comfort please continue to throw your anxiety on God because He does care for you (1 Peter 5:7). May your loving memories bring you a smile during this difficult time. Your family has our sincerest condolences.

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**The Cole Family** - November 10, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Karna GeneAnn Brown Smith.*



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November 09, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ *We are shocked and saddened to hear of Karna's passing. Memories of Shepardson and softball keep surfacing. Our thoughts are with you.*  
*Judy and Dennis Ziefel*

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**Judy Ziefel** - November 08, 2016 at 03:53 PM



“ *My condolences to all who loved Karna. She reached out to me after her husband died and I am saddened by her far to long early passing.*



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**Jenny Ziefel** - November 08, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *Dear Joanie, Jerry and family,  
Mike and I are just so sorry.....and shocked to learn of Karna's death....  
We send our sympathy and lots of hugs to you all.....  
Sincerely,  
Joey Waltz and Mike Vreeland*

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**Joey Waltz** - November 08, 2016 at 02:06 PM

HK

“ Always impressed how Karna could handle all the craziness that goes with putting a daily newscast on the air. Kept her cool, rolled with whatever came up and was still able to have fun. When I was doing some freelance at KSTP last year we got some people together and to my surprise and delight, in walked Karna. I hadn't seen her since she moved back to Colorado and it turned into a wonderful evening of laughter and memories. I know she really enjoyed seeing everyone and they were happy she was able to join us. You will be greatly missed.

*Harry Kline  
(Friend from KSTP)*

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Harry Kline - November 08, 2016 at 09:44 AM

HK

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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Harry Kline - November 08, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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JoAnn Brown - November 07, 2016 at 08:25 AM