



Lacy Wykert Bearden

July 1, 1963 - July 9, 2022

Lacy Wykert Bearden, age 59, passed away unexpectedly at her Fort Collins home on Saturday, July 9, 2022. Lacy was born on July 1, 1963, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Paul Vernon and Norma (Pixton) Wykert. She was fortunate to have lived in some of the most beautiful areas of the U.S. Her father was employed by the National Park Service, and Lacy lived with her family in Alexandra, VA; Estes Park, CO; and Santa Fe, NM.

After graduating from Santa Fe High School, Lacy attended Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, earning a B.A. in English. After college, she moved to Austin, TX, where she enrolled at the University of Texas and met her future husband, Keith, at the original Whole Food Market, where he was employed. In 1990, they relocated to Boulder, CO, where Keith began attending the University of Colorado, and Lacy began a 20-year career as a librarian at the George Reynolds branch library in Boulder. In addition to circulating books, Lacy designed and constructed book displays, bulletin boards, ran a mother-daughter book club, and visited local schools to read to children. She attended American Library Association (ALA) conferences in Chicago and San Francisco. In January 2011, Lacy received her Master's in Library Science degree from Emporia State University.

After 14 years of making their home in Longmont, CO, Keith left his job as an elementary school teacher, accepted a new job, and the couple relocated to

Fort Collins. Unfortunately, Lacy was unable to return to work as a librarian. She volunteered for the public library and led youth education groups at the local Gardens on Spring Creek.

Lacy was a lover of reading, cooking, music, hiking, camping, and animals. Diagnosed with Type I Diabetes at age 2, Lacy successfully managed the disease using a healthy combination of diet and daily exercise. She logged countless miles walking on the Spring Creek trail each day, where she found peace in nature and cultivated many close friendships. Running into Lacy on her walk was a treat, indeed!

Lacy is survived by her husband, Keith Bearden, of Fort Collins, CO, beloved dog, Marmot, mother, Norma Wykert, of Steamboat Springs, CO, brothers Wade Wykert, of Steamboat Springs, CO, and Todd Wykert, of Casper, WY, nieces Caryn Mielke and Kristyn Malone, of Steamboat Springs, niece Amy Raymond, of Casper, WY, and Ryan Wykert, of Portland, OR, and sister-in-law, Cony Pownall, of Laramie, WY. She was preceded in death by her father, Paul Vernon Wykert.

A celebration of Lacy's life will be held in early September in Fort Collins. In lieu of cards or flowers, please consider donating to one of the following organizations:

Longmont Humane Society

National Parks Conservation Association

National Wildlife Federation

Tribute Wall

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“ Keith, We were saddened to hear of Lacy's death. A walk with Millie (our basset hound) usually meant running into Lacy near Rossborough Park. It was always a highlight of our day. Lacy's ever positive spirit and unending energy were delightful. We will miss her so very much.
Love to you, Tom and Nancy Glenn and Millie.

Nancy A Glenn - July 29, 2022 at 12:48 PM

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“ Lacy is already so sorely missed by all her park friends. We miss her friendly smile and easy laugh. She was such a warm, kind, sweet woman who brought joy every day to anyone who ran into her. All the walkers in Spring Canyon knew and loved her, and she has definitely left a void in our mornings.

Barb Engels - July 23, 2022 at 12:34 PM

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“ It was so great to see Lacy at Kristyn's wedding this past June. She saw her other sister-in-law, Christina Keller Wykert, her niece Amy Wykert Raymond and her husband Chris Raymond, their children, her great nephew, Logan Raymond and for the first time she met her great nieces, Rylee and Josie Raymond. Lacy had a wonderful time at that event, and I will never forget the fun she had dancing and visiting with us all.

Todd F Wykert - July 21, 2022 at 05:20 PM