



## Lisa Buntten

May 9, 2009

Lisa Jane Durey Buntten, 50, of Fort Collins, died May 9, 2009 at her home following an 18 month battle with leukemia. Lisa was born September 4, 1958 in Red Oak, Iowa to Charles Durey and Jane Campbell Durey. Mrs. Buntten worked as a Speech Therapist two years in Brush, Colorado from 1981-1983 and then at various schools in the Thompson R2J School District in Loveland until she retired just this year. Lisa also worked at the Poudre Valley Hospital as well as for Home Health Care firms providing care for stroke patients. Lisa was a member of PEO, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Junior League of Fort Collins, and Boy Scouts Troop 97. She was also a Tri-Delta Sorority Alumna, receiving her bachelors degree at University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and masters degree at Colorado State University in Speech and Language Pathology. Lisa held various officer positions in the organizations listed above. It was through Lisa's involvement with the Junior League that she met her future husband Steve. Lisa was a loving person who opened her heart and would spend time with anyone. Even while she was undergoing one of her many chemo treatments Lisa would send cards of congratulations, condolences, birthdays, etc. When she was home she would have a friend or two over and would set the table for tea and some kind of treat, no matter how she was feeling. She always had a smile for anyone and treated all with love and respect. Survivors include her husband, Steve Buntten; four sons, Nicholas Garretson, Spencer Garretson, Devin Buntten, and Kyle Buntten; a daughter, Sarah Mike Allison; one stepbrother, John Jennifer Lorimor; two

sisters, Chris Jim Heuer, Dawn Doug Duven, and two stepsisters Barb Ken Snyder and Deb Jim Grandos and numerous nephews and neices who will miss their Aunt Lisa. Preceding Lisa in death are her father, Charles Durey; mother, Jane Lorimor, and stepfather, Bob Lorimor. A Memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. A visitation to greet the family will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions can be made to the "Gift of Life Transplant House" in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. The "Gift of Life Transplant House" is where Lisa and Steve stayed in Rochester, MN, when she received a bone marrow transplant at the Mayo Clinic. The donations will be used to furnish a room in Lisa's memory at a new house they are building for transplant patients and their Care Givers.

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Chris and Jim, Dawn, Steve and all of Lisa's family, My sincere prayers are with you at this time. I will always remember Lisa's golden smile and cheerful attitude. Chris and Dawn, she was the cutest little sister in Red Oak and many years later, I was so proud to introduce her as a speech pathologist at Poudre Valley Hospital. She will always be a very special person to many, many people. Bless you all, Kathy Wright McIntosh

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**Kathy Wright McIntosh** - May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Lisa's death. I lost me mom after a year long fight with cancer and this prayer was one that comforted me and my family. My prayers are with you all at this time. God saw that she was tired, and cure was not to be, So he wrapped his arms around her, and he whispered, "Come with me!" A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God took Lisa to prove to us, HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST!!!!

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**Kristi Freese Schantz** - May 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Know that miles can not separate the love I am sending to each of you, especially this morning as you ready for Lisa's celebration of life. What a blessing to know Lisa! The memories we shared will be treasured always! I especially want to thank your for the opportunity to celebrate our 50th birthdays at your condo in Florida! What a special time that was! God bless each of you during this time of sorrow and healing.

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**Audrey Samuelson** - May 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with all of Lisa's family. Up in a quaint old attic, as the raindrops pattered down, I sat paging through an old schoolbook – dusty, tattered, and brown. I came to a page that was folded down. And across it was written in childish hand: “The teacher says to leave this for now, ‘tis hard to understand.” I unfolded the page and read. Then I nodded my head and said, “The teacher was right – now I understand.” There are lots of pages in the book of life that are hard to understand. All we can do is fold them down and write: “The teacher says to leave this for now, ‘tis hard to understand.” Then someday – maybe in heaven – we will unfold the pages again, read them, and say, “The teacher was right – now I understand.” By Mark Link, S.J. Until we meet again my friend....

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**Donna Krings** - May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Chris and Jim, Want you to know of our tears for and with you in the death of your sister, Lisa. Our prayers for strength, courage and peace. May good memories comfort you and God's love hold you.

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**Marvin & Carolyn Arnpriester** - May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lisa was an amazing mom and lady. She will be missed by all who knew her. God Bless.

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**Carrie Johnson** - May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Dear family of Lisa - My son Brady has been friends with Spencer since elementary school and that is how I am acquainted with Lisa. The boys did sleepovers, school events, and to this day are friends who hang out together. I remember Lisa as a warm, friendly, smiling person who loved her family. She loved you very much, Spencer, and I'm sure she hated to let go and say goodbye. I'm sorry your mom had such a difficult journey these last years and I'm sorry you've lost your mom, Spencer. To all the family, I pray you will find peace and brighter days during your mourning and recovery.  
Sincerely, Suzy Renchy and Brady Irvine

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**Suzy Renchy & Brady Irvine** - May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Our hearts are with all of Lisa's family. Remember all the wonderful times you have all had together. Bob Hills and Linda Shannon-Hills

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**Linda Shannon-Hills** - May 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you. Lisa has touched so many lives and inspired us all with her joyful and fun loving spirit. May God give you comfort at this time. Becky Williams Jackson Class of 76

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**Sid and Becky Jackson** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Chris and Dawn, I was so sad to hear the news. Of course I remember Lisa as the little sis we tried to ditch by going in the basement. She was only 50. Tragic. All my thoughts and prayers are with your families. Nancy Nelson Pfeiffer

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**Nancy Nelson Pfeiffer** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I am so very sorry to hear the sad news of Lisa's death. I was a Webster Elementary school classmate of Lisa's and have many fond memories of those days in Red Oak and many of them include Lisa. I hope the great times and good memories of your time together will help to ease your pain.

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**Deb Eastwood** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My heart aches for all of you in the loss of Lisa. Chris & Dawn, it is so difficult to lose a sister. I still miss my sister every day, but am filled with joy when I spend time with her children. Take comfort in your families. Steve, thank you for being with Lisa in strength and courage by her side. Lisa will always be in my memories as a smile and free spirit. Blessings to all of you. Sarah RO Classmate

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**Sarah Sheets-McKeag** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ You have my deepest condolences for your loss. Lisa was a wonderful person. Caring for your kids was a great experience, from which I have many joyful memories. I hope that in the days and weeks ahead, you find comfort and peace.

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**Jessica Bradley Oziah** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Chris and Dawn you are amazing sisters. Steve thank you for being her strong husband. My heart goes out to her family. I have great memories with all at the Durey house Lisa and sisters, Jane and Charles. I grew up with Lisa, my childhood friend walking to school every day with her elementary school through jr hi. Through high school we have the closest of classmates. Lisa was a devoted fun friend, an entertaining companion with an imagination all her own. Lisa had a way to make everyone feel special. Those of us having lucky enough to have gone to school or church with Lisa have hundreds of wonderful stories that only she could make possible. Lisa will be sorely missed. I am deeply sorry Lisa is no longer here but she will always be with us. Class of 76 Sue Freeburg

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**Sue Freeburg** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Steve and Family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I understand the journey you are on, as I lost my mom to leukemia in 2005. Celebrate Lisa and the wonderful person that she was, and may her spirit live on in all of you. Best Regards, Susan Beebe Sharp former co-worker at HP OpenView

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**Susan Sharp** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We were always happy to have Lisa and kids at family reunions when she was a Garretson. We are glad she found happiness with you Steve. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the boys. Clayton and Sam Fetzer

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**clayton & sam Fetzer** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Dear Steve, We had a very nice visit with Lisa last summer in Rochester..She gave me a tour of your temporary "home" and we had a great chat. Her sunny smile was so warm and giving like she has always been. I am so happy to have known that lovely lady.  
Myke

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**Myke & Dick Erickson** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Steve and Family, My heart is breaking for each of you having to say "goodbye" - the only comfort is now knowing Lisa is in no pain and watching over each of you. I've followed you through carepages as my husband battles this as well. My God comfort you and give you peace. I know you have many happy memories and beautiful pictures. Lean on each other for strength. Much Love, Margie & Mark Blevins

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**Margie & Mark Blevins** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ she was truly one of a kind

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**Danlee Meek** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Steve and Family, Throughout our lives, there are only a few people who are truly a "close friend". Lisa is and always will be a friend I hold close to my heart. I will miss her immensely. Even though distance separated us, whenever we talked or e-mailed each other, it was like no time had gone by. We had so many fun memories together. Steve, I am so glad that you and Lisa found you each other. You and her family gave her unending support and love throughout her illness. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lisa, my friend, rest in peace. I know you are watching down on us from heaven with that little smile of yours. I will miss you!

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**Lisa Hartman** - May 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Steve and Family, You have all been on my mind and in my heart as we all mourn the loss of Lisa. However, none of us feel it as deeply as all of you. I am blessed to have known her and worked with her. Her journey through cancer, which you have shared so eloquently, Steve, is one that has touched so many and is such a testament of courage, love, strength, and faith. Lisa will live on in the hearts of the many she has touched. I'm sure she "flew up to Heaven on the wings of angels." Hold tight to each other and all your beautiful memories and you will make it...one day at a time. Love, Karen

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**Karen Kuxhausen** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Lisa sure taught me a lot way back when in the couples class at church! Her generous, gracious spirit will live on in our hearts. I wish we could have saved her! My heart goes out to everyone who loved Lisa. She will be missed, and it will be difficult. We can find strength together, with God's help.

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**Janet Krech** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Lisa's family. Lisa, with all your involvement your community will miss you. Be at peace.*

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**Dennis & Jamie Lindell** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Many prayers and sympathies to Lisa's family. She will be so missed. Nancy Query Roedclass of 76*

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**Nancy Roed** - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM