



Rhonda Jean Wolschlager

September 23, 1953 - July 22, 2020

Rhonda Jean Wolschlager, 66, died Wednesday (July 24, 2020) at her home in Fort Collins, Colorado. She was born September 23, 1953 in Imperial, Nebraska to Robert G. and Edith C. (Benson) Gathman. She grew up on the family farm outside Hayes Center, Nebraska and graduated from Hayes Center High School in 1971. She later attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln earning a Bachelor's degree in Accounting.

While living in Fort Collins, Colorado Rhonda met the love of her life and soulmate Gordon Wolschlager of Bad Axe, Michigan. They were married on August 17, 1985. She retired in 2015 from Colorado State University where she worked in the Sponsored Programs Department as an accountant for 10 years.

She was a member of the Laporte Presbyterian Church in Laporte, Colorado. Her service to the church included being the Church Mission Chair person. She co-founded and supported a Children's Christmas Shop at which disadvantaged children chose a present for their parents for 25¢ which were volunteers wrap while their parents enjoyed coffee and cookies. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since childhood in Hayes Center, Nebraska later transferring her membership to the American Legion George Beech Post 4 in Fort Collins, Colorado. There she served as President, Sergeant at Arms, and the Coordinator of Volunteer Hours.

Her favorite hobby was shopping for second hand clothes. In many circles she was known as the “The Garage Sale Queen”. She frequented any and all thrift stores and garage sales that she came upon. Supplying the Church's Children's Christmas Shop with presents every year gave her so much joy.

Preceding her in death were her sister Marsha and her parents. Survivors include her husband Gordon, and two sons Seth and Jared.

Rhonda died peacefully at home with family after a 5 year battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsey (PSP). She loved to travel and created a bucket list traveling 1000's of miles all over the USA with her husband Gordon. She completed her list just this year with a 17 day cruise to Hawaii returning March 18. Days later cruise ship travel was halted due to Coronavirus.

Memorials are planned at the Laporte Presbyterian Church as well as the American Legion George Beech Post in Laporte at a later date.

In lieu of flowers/gifts please consider donating to;
The Laporte Presbyterian Church mission work
The American Legion George Beech Post 4
The Union Congregational Church, Hayes Center Nebraska

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Rhonda was one of the few friends of my lifetime I felt truly blessed to have had. She was the salt of the earth and I admired, respected and loved everything about her. I feel such an enormous loss but know she is free now of the burdens she was given that she faced so bravely. There are not enough words to adequately describe what Rhonda meant to me, as I know she meant to many. I will cherish the beautiful memories of all the times we had together.

I pray that now, my precious friend, you once again are "dancing like no one is watching, singing like you can't hear, making others laugh hearing your funny laugh, with that beautiful smile that was so dear. Thank you for being the friend that you were. Until we meet again....



Joyce Hansen - August 09, 2020 at 03:42 PM

DB

“ I got to know Rhonda while she worked for Lind's Plumbing & Heating handling all their accounting needs. We worked together and she was always diligent, happy to lend a hand and be supportive in all our efforts together. She had a special smile that cracked me up every time. I could never be in a bad mood around her! I so appreciated her.

Donna Burrill

Donna Burrill - July 28, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KB

“ Rhonda was indeed a giving and caring person. As a sister in the American Legion, I watched Rhonda for years always ready to help where help was needed. Our world was a much better place for her having a part in it. Comfort for her family and many friends.

Karen Boehler - July 26, 2020 at 11:08 AM

JH

“ I know Rhonda and Gordy through LaPorte Presbyterian Church. Their amazing journey together through Rhonda's physical limitations has been an inspiration for me. I have been in awe of their love for each other, for people, and for life. Rhonda's indomitable Spirit has lifted many. I am grateful for knowing you both. Thank you.

judith Hamman - July 26, 2020 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ It was such a pleasure getting to know Rhonda through Laporte Presbyterian Church, and we sincerely appreciate the encouragement we received from her and Gordy. Our prayers are with you all at this time. With Love, Martin Bates and Janie Stein

Janie Stein - July 24, 2020 at 11:21 PM

CS

“ I've known Rhonda, her sister Marsha, and their cousins Karen & Rita Shafer since we all attended one-room rural Grade Schools in Hayes County, Nebraska. My family lived about a quarter mile from the girls' grandparents, Frank & Fannie Gathman and in the same farmyard was Kenneth & Doris Shafer. During the summertime, we spent many great times together riding bicycles, walking, planning a picnic, party or an overnigher. Sometimes just playing with paper or real dolls. It was a pretty simple life back then. After graduation from Hayes County High School, we each went our separate ways. I contacted Rhonda through Facebook a couple years ago to offer my sympathy in the loss of her sister. At times we would "Like" each other's Postings on Facebook to keep in touch. My sincere sympathy & prayers of comfort is offered to each one of Rhonda's family members & friends from Carol (Cooper-Schneider) Stensvad, McCook, Nebraska.

Carol Stensvad - July 24, 2020 at 06:44 PM

TM

“ I've known and loved Rhonda for years. her personality, love of life. and that contagious smile of hers will forever live in my heart. the many camping trips we took together were always the best adventures. rain for days so what, "There's wet good times, and there's dry good times" I still use that quote to this day. The best one was at Hog Park, to protect the innocent, lets just say, It was Rhonda that saved the day. Gordy and Cookie can attest to that. So many happy stories to share of this angel. Now she gets her wings. She will be looking down on all of us, I just hope I deserve the smile and laugh she will be sharing with me from now on. Love you forever, and forever never ends. See you when it's time

tom macmillan - July 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM

MV

Dear Gordy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I'm so glad I had the chance to meet her, she was so nice, and her eyes didn't miss a thing! Hugs to you!

Mary Vandemark - July 27, 2020 at 02:33 PM