



Sharon Lee Altergott

September 28, 1947 - April 8, 2025

Sharon Lee (Bassett) Altergott, seventy-seven of Fort Collins, CO passed away at her home on April 8, 2025.

Sharon was born on September 28, 1947, at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington D.C.

She received an Associate of Arts Degree from Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo, CO. She also earned a scholarship from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Music Education, where she played flute in the band and orchestra. Living out her passion for music, she also played flute in the Fort Collins Symphony and sang for many weddings and memorial services for friends and loved ones.

While Sharon planned to become an elementary school music teacher, fate took her in a different direction, and she spent her career in the publishing industry. Sharon was the first employee for Interweave Press in 1978 when Linda Ligon founded the business in her basement where Sharon created the name for the first magazine "Handwoven". She then focused on advertising sales building the account base through relationships, driving growth beyond what she or Linda ever imagined. She retired with Linda noting "Sharon has been the memory and conscience of Interweave going on 30 years."

Sharon's personal family life was rooted in her marriage to Jim Altergott who she met on a double date in Fort Collins in 1962. They were married in 1966. They lived in Pueblo, CO at the beginning of their marriage then moved to Greeley where their daughter Missy was born.

They then moved to Gallup, New Mexico where their son Jamie was born. After moving back to Colorado to Fort Collins and Loveland, they spent much of their life in Johnstown, where both her children graduated high school. After that they moved to Windsor then back to Fort Collins where they settled.

Sharon is survived by her husband James (Jim) Altergott of Fort Collins, CO and was the beloved mother of Melissa (Missy) Altergott currently of Greenwich, Connecticut and James (Jamie) Altergott and mother in-law of Karen (Speedy) Altergott currently of Waikoloa, Hawaii. She was also the loving grandmother of Elijah Altergott (predeceased) and Malina Kai Altergott.

“Spinning the threads of time . . . gone but never forgotten”

Services to Celebrate Sharon's Life:

- Memorial Service: 2pm on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524
- Celebration of Life Reception: following the Memorial Service on Friday, April 18, 2025, at the home of Janelle Saya at 317 Merganser Lane, Johnstown, CO 80534

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Pathways Hospice Care:

Online: <https://pathways-care.org/give-now/>

Mail: Pathways, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins CO 80525.

Previous Events

Memorial Service


APR 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

KP

“ I met Sharon through the annual conference Spin-Off Autumn Retreat (SOAR) She was the smiling, friendly face behind the registration desk, helping when I got thoroughly lost in a venue, and even laughing at my bad sheep jokes. Her gentle, wonderful spirit will at least live on in our memories. Sharon, you will be missed deeply. Hugs,



Kris Paige

Kris Paige - April 16, 2025 at 07:34 PM

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“ I knew Sharon from our high school days. She was older than me, and a very nice girl. A few years later, she and her husband rented a duplex from my husband and me. They were great neighbors. I've always wondered about her. I'm so sorry to see this news. I'll be waiting to read the obituary. She was always a kind and loving person. RIP Sharon. 🌸❤️

Linda Deane (Mulnix) - April 10, 2025 at 06:34 PM

KM

“ I new Sharon from her husband Jim in high school. Then ended up working with her at a publishing company. After that we would go to lunch with a few of the crew. She will be truely missed.

Kathie Marostica - April 10, 2025 at 12:22 PM

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“ Sharon and I worked together for about a dozen years at Interweave Press, and our collaborations extended beyond the professional. In the publishing business we shared responsibilities for putting together magazines (she in advertising, me in editorial, each endeavoring to make the other's job as rewarding as we could), traveled to conferences together, and even took a cross-country trip to a major event in our field when we weren't going for work--just to see friends. She was a trouper and I'm so glad to have known her, and so sorry that she's gone.

Deborah Robson - April 09, 2025 at 10:05 PM

VY

Sharon's and my paths crossed through our sons playing sports (mainly basketball), and then she gave me the opportunity to broaden my horizons through an employment opportunity at Interweave Press, and we worked together for about 15 years. I learned so much from her and will be forever grateful for the doors that job opened for me and the wonderful people I met and the experiences I was able to enjoy. She was a very kind and caring person.

Vicki Yost - April 18, 2025 at 10:05 AM

BK

Sharon's warm heart and sharp intelligence combined with a passion for fairness made her a force to be reckoned with. I loved her wisdom and wit, and as her aunt was blest by her caring. —and by her musical gifts and generosity. She played the flute beautifully at my wedding when she was just thirteen. I treasure memories of Sharon as my baby niece whom I missed when as a little girl she moved to CO. There followed decades of reunions —too rare but each dear to memory. There were shared heartaches along with joys., May today's memorial and the memories that are shared bring comfort to all who mourn the loss of this bright spirit.

Beth Bassett Keiser - April 18, 2025 at 05:29 PM