



## Sheri Rice Stalnaker

January 29, 1964 - October 14, 2015

Sheri Rice Stalnaker, age 51 died peacefully in her home on October 14, 2015. She was born January 29, 1964 in Wichita, Kansas to Larry and Karla Rice. Soon after Sheri's birth her family moved to the Fort Collins area where Sheri touched numerous lives throughout her career as a teacher in the Poudre School District. Sheri attended Poudre High School and continued her education at Fort Lewis College earning her bachelor's degree in Communications. Sheri's desire to touch young people's lives led her to the University of Northern Colorado where she earned a master's degree in Education. Sheri loved spending time with her two boys, reading, and time on Horsetooth Reservoir. Sheri was always committed to helping and caring for anyone and everyone that came into her life. Sheri is survived by her husband of 28 years Greg, her son Chase, 25, Brady, 21 and her parents. She is also survived by her brother Rodney (Jamie) and two nephews, Adam, 21 and Conrad, 18.

A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 11:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church  
1005 Stover St.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Our family wanted to send our thoughts to you Greg, Chase and Brady. I will always remember Sheri's smile and her caring about us. I still think of her waving hi and talking to your dogs when I would get the mail. May time help heal some of the pain of this loss and your grief.

*Kirsten Hartman and Ed and Hannah Meek*

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**Kirsten Hartman** - October 28, 2015 at 10:50 AM

JP

“ To the entire Stalnaker/Rice Family,

*Sheri was such a loving and kind woman. She was so invested in nurturing and caring for all of her students, friends, and family. It has been years since Conrad and Cole were best buddies and we spent time with all of you, but our love for all of you remains. We miss you. My first memory of Sheri was as Conrad's sweet and outgoing aunt who hugged us all every time we saw her. As a colleague I heard many wonderful stories about her when students would come from Johnson to Webber. Her unconditional love was widely felt by all she encountered. Sheri had an extraordinary impact into the life of my son as his sixth grade teacher. He adored her and so did I. I also had the privilege to know and teach both Chase and Brady. I love you guys and I have been thinking of you every day. Sheri was so special to so many people. We send you guys all our love and our prayers for healing. You are a wonderful family and we cherish all the incredibly memories of time we have spent together. Peace be with you.*

*We love you Sheri.*

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**Julie Pfeifer** - October 27, 2015 at 09:11 AM

GW

“ Dear Larry, Karla, and family, We were in Florida when we received the sad news of Sheri's passing, thus we could not attend the service. We send our very deepest sympathy. Reading through the online notes from others tells us that she must have been a fabulous young woman. We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Gary and Leanne Windolph

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**Gary and Leanne Windolph** - October 25, 2015 at 10:00 AM

GN

“ Larry, Karla, and family - We just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Shari will be missed and remembered. She was a beautiful lady and we just remember her 'spunk' and energy! May God bring the comfort your heart needs in your loss. With our deepest sympathy. Your friends, Roger and Gail Noble

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**Gail Noble** - October 23, 2015 at 05:14 PM

CK

“ Dear Karla - I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Sheri's passing. She was such an accomplished and amazing young woman. I so fondly recall all the stories of her from PHS, her wedding, her amazing impact on her students, and of course **THE BOYS** in her life! Take care dear friend, and know that I am praying for you and your family.

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**Cathy Kainer** - October 21, 2015 at 01:44 PM

CS

“ Greg and all who loved Sheri,  
I am so sad to hear of Sheri's passing. I've know her for a very long  
time and have so many fun memories with her beautiful smile and  
great laugh.  
My deepest sympathies and prayers to the Stalnaker and Rice  
families.

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**Charee Smith-Ficco** - October 20, 2015 at 09:23 PM

MM

Greg and Family,  
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Know that you  
are loved by many.  
Blessings,  
Melanie Johnson Moore

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**Melanie Moore** - October 21, 2015 at 08:56 AM

JB

“ Larry, Karla, Chase and Brady - so sorry to hear about Sheri. We  
have a lot of fun memories of the years spent next to you at Inlet  
Bay marina. Hope you found that safe haven, Sheri. Jody and Jim  
Brammer

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**Jody Brammer** - October 20, 2015 at 05:55 PM

EA

“ Mrs. Stalnaker had both my brother Charlie Kunkel and myself  
Emma (Kunkel) Ainsworth in sixth grade. She always had a smile  
on her face and was a joy to have. She will be greatly missed. I am  
keeping her family in my thoughts and prayers. She will be truly  
missed.

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**Emma Ainsworth** - October 20, 2015 at 05:23 PM

ES

“ Greg, (this is Lisa Burrough's sister, Liz)  
I remember when Nikki and Chase were very young and we would all get together for football games! Seems like last week! I am so very sorry for your loss. Sheri had such a great energy! I am keeping you and your boys in my prayers! God Bless!

Elizabeth Seaboch - October 20, 2015 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ Oh sweet Sheri I cherished your smiles your warm hugs and kisses along with your kind words always since I was in 4th grade♥ You will be missed. I find it ironic that I couldn't make it to your funeral today due to having to study, I know you would appreciate that♥ I want to send my deepest sympathies to the entire Rice/ Stalnaker family. Sending you all love, Lindsay Barnes



Lindsay Glanz Barnes - October 20, 2015 at 12:28 PM

KM

“ Greg and family,  
Allen and I are so sorry for your loss. When I was hired many years ago at Johnson Elementary, Sheri was so kind and welcoming to me. Her students were so fortunate to have such a loving teacher. Sheri also loved that I married a good guy from Poudre High just like she did. ♥♥ I'm so thankful for those special memories we shared. Cherish your memories.  
Our love,  
Kelly and Allen Matsuda

Kelly and Allen Matsuda - October 20, 2015 at 10:40 AM

GT

“ Greg and Diane Tounzen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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**Greg and Diane Tounzen** - October 20, 2015 at 09:13 AM

DB

“ My family is so deeply saddened to hear of Sheri's passing. Sheri touched all of our hearts. Gunnar and I went for a walk and he was sharing such beautiful memories of how sweet, kind and loving Sheri was during a very difficult time for my boys. He shared a memory of when he couldn't do a bicycle jump like the other boys because he was too scared, and Sheri rocked him in her lap, gave him that great big hug she was known for, and told him what a great boy he was - even if didn't do the jump. There are so many other memories that show how wonderful and big hearted Sheri was. She will be missed by so many. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of the family.

*Love, Dawn Broeder, Gunnar, Griffin, and Graham West*

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**Dawn Broeder** - October 20, 2015 at 09:03 AM

KW

“ Karen Balog and Josh Weissman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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**Karen Balog and Josh Weissman** - October 19, 2015 at 11:19 PM

KS

“ Sheri taught our kids at Johnson many years ago and had such a soft, caring heart. She was an amazing teacher. Heaven gained another angel. May God give you all peace during this difficult time. The Schmieden family.

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**Katie Schmieden** - October 19, 2015 at 10:12 PM

BK

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy. We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Stalaker will always be in our hearts. We will always remember her smile and good heart and her love for the Johnson students. You are in our prayers.

*God bless you and Sheri*

*The Klaer family*

*Matthias and Bianca with Desiree, Alexander and Stevie*

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**Bianca Klaer** - October 19, 2015 at 09:46 PM



BH

“ Larry and Karla, Barbara and I send our prayers and condolences to you and your family. We are so very sorry for your loss. You have so many reasons to be proud of Sheri and her life accomplishments. God bless you and God bless Sheri's soul. You are in our prayers.

*Gary and Barbara Hayter*

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**Barbara Hayter** - October 19, 2015 at 09:10 PM

JW

“ My love and prayers go out to Sheri's family. I was on the trip to Taos, New Mexico several years ago and met Sheri and other Johnson friends at that time. Sheri was so full of life, fun and adventure. Sheri was an excellent teacher and I can tell from reading the memories that she touched many students lives. A very special lady, gone too soon. Julie Wertz

Julie Wertz - October 19, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



October 19, 2015 at 06:43 PM

MF

“ Marguerite (Wertz) Yowell and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



Marguerite (Wertz) Yowell and family - October 19, 2015 at 05:55 PM

JK

“ Larry and Karla  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your daughter Sheri. Both you and your family will be in our prayers.  
Jim and Laure Keavney

Jim and Laure Keavney - October 19, 2015 at 05:47 PM

KM

“ Chase, we are thinking of you and your family at this very sad time. Love to all. Karen and Ralph.

Karen Morgan - October 19, 2015 at 04:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



October 19, 2015 at 02:08 PM

TP

“ Sheri was a great lady. I know we just met, but she brought a smile to my face whenever I saw her. We would laugh together about the little things. She loved her family so very much. Prayers and thoughts are with the family right now. I will miss her.

Tammy Peterson - October 19, 2015 at 01:55 PM

TR

“ Karla and family,

*I deeply regret the loss of Sheri.*

*May you experience comfort from your family, relatives and me.*

*Sincerely,  
Thomas Risner*

Thomas Risner - October 19, 2015 at 01:49 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.*



October 19, 2015 at 01:10 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.*



October 19, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Anne Taylor, Logan, Jesse and Ben Hunter purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.*



**Anne Taylor, Logan, Jesse and Ben Hunter** - October 19, 2015  
at 11:18 AM

AT

“ Greg, Chase, and Brady, the boys and I are thinking of you and send our love and deepest sympathies. Our prayers go out to you and the rest of Sheri's family. We have such great memories of the many fun times with you all, and cherish the years when Sheri was Logan and Jesse's teacher at Johnson. I'll never forget the first time I met Sheri up at Horsetooth one late afternoon on our way home. She was a bright star for so many people.

*Lots of love, Anne, Logan, Jesse and Ben*

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**Anne Taylor** - October 19, 2015 at 10:26 AM

SH

“ We are so sorry to read of Sheri's death. When I first read the obit, I thought to myself, I know this lady. Then it came to me. I had taken photos of the Rice/Stalnaker family out by the Poudre River several falls ago. I still have that lovely photo in my studio gallery. Thinking of you. Sharon and Jim Hartman Photography by Hartman

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**Sharon Hartman** - October 19, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TP

“ Greg, Chase and Brady, we are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Sheri was a great teacher, colleague and a wonderful person. She will be missed.

*With Love,  
Terry, Chris and Tony Pipkin*

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**Terry Pipkin** - October 19, 2015 at 09:32 AM

AS

“ We are so saddened to hear of Sheri's passing. She truly was a great friend to Beth and I over the years. She was a fantastic creative teacher who loved her students and treated them with the utmost respect. We will miss her greatly. Our love to Greg, Chase, Brady and Sheri's family in dealing with this terrific loss. Beth and I are presently in Scottsdale, Arizona and will be unable to attend Sheri's service. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

*Alan and Beth Stevens*

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**Alan Stevens** - October 18, 2015 at 09:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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October 18, 2015 at 09:07 PM

JC

“ John and Linda Hopkins & Angie and Jeff Collier purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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**John and Linda Hopkins & Angie and Jeff Collier** - October 18, 2015 at 07:18 PM

MW

“ Mike and Susie Weaver purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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**Mike and Susie Weaver** - October 18, 2015 at 03:52 PM

LS

“ Harry and I are deeply saddened by the loss of your daughter. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. ~Linda & Harry Sheline.



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**linda sheline** - October 18, 2015 at 02:41 PM

BT

“ Bob, Cathy, Erin and Robin Toomey purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.



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**Bob, Cathy, Erin and Robin Toomey** - October 18, 2015 at 09:29 AM

RB

“ Greg, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

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**Russ Brown** - October 17, 2015 at 11:40 PM

DM

“ Sheri went to Santa Fe and Taos, NM with a group of women from PSD to study the art and culture of the area. She was the spark that made the trip such fun.  
She was always smiling and she found humor in the mundane. I will miss her. Her family has my condolences.  
Deb McAlister

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**Deb McAlister** - October 17, 2015 at 08:45 PM

DE

“ Dena sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheri Rice Stalnaker



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**Dena** - October 17, 2015 at 06:31 PM

CG

“ We are so sorry to read about the loss of your beautiful daughter. We pray that our Lord will comfort you.  
Carol and Jerry Greco

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**Carol Greco** - October 17, 2015 at 06:03 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalnaker.



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October 17, 2015 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ Our family was very sad to learn of Mrs. Stalaker's passing. Our two daughters were taught by Mrs. Stalaker at Johnson Elementary. She was always smiling, welcoming and friendly and so proud of her students. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Stalaker and Rice families. Wishing you comfort and healing.

*The Normandin Family  
Mike, Mary, Emily and Brigette*

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**Mary** - October 17, 2015 at 04:39 PM

SD

“ I am so saddened to hear of Sheri's death. I worked with Sheri at CLPE and always loved her laughter, enthusiasm, and zest for life. She was truly a bright light in the life of anyone she touched.

*-Sandi Dorsey*

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**Sandi Dorsey** - October 17, 2015 at 02:05 PM

JD

“ I was blessed to have Mrs. Stalaker as both my 4th and 6th grade teacher. She was an amazing woman who brought a love of learning to the classroom. She is one of the reasons I became a scientist, and I will remember her fondly. My thoughts are with the Stalaker family.

*Jackie Dorhout*

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**Jackie Dorhout** - October 17, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.*



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October 17, 2015 at 01:39 PM



“ *Mrs. Stalaker was one of those teachers who went above and beyond. She put so much effort into making her classroom at Johnson the coolest one, even bringing in her chinchilla. She also put together that whole trip to Florida for students (in 2004?) where we got to do a shark dissection and go behind the scenes of the aquarium at Disney and SeaWorld. Only the most dedicated of teachers would do all that for her students. Mrs. Stalaker was one of a kind, and every single student she taught will miss her!*

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**Kate Dorhout** - October 17, 2015 at 01:38 PM

BG

“ *Stalaker and Rice family,  
We are so sad to hear of Sheri's passing. We loved her and we love and care about your whole family. We're praying for you.*



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**Barrett, Jen & Elise Golyer** - October 17, 2015 at 12:54 PM

EG

“ May God's grace embrace Greg and all the Stalnaker family. The home on Clemma has begun to create and share loving experiences and memories for Nate and his family. They look forward to continuing the family legacy of love and committment that began with Sheri. Our prayers are with you.

*Ellis and Stephanie Grossnickle  
Harrisburg PA*

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**Ellis Grossnickle** - October 17, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ Sheri was a colleague of mine and 6th grade science teacher to my daughter at Johnson Elementary. She leaves a legacy of teaching so many and making a difference in the lives of so many. May God give her family peace and comfort in this time of loss and grief. In sincere sympathy, Tracy Post



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**Tracy Post** - October 17, 2015 at 12:20 PM

JS

“ Sheri was such a sweet and caring person and her smile would light up the room. We are so sadden...I love you Sheri you brought love and laughter to my life.

*Jacinda (CJ) and Raven* 💕💕



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**Jacinda Streufert** - October 17, 2015 at 11:51 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sheri Rice Stalaker.*



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October 17, 2015 at 10:19 AM



“ *Saddened to learn of Sheri's passing. She was a lovely woman, an effervescent student at PHS, a caring friend. Condolences to her family .*  
*N. McClanahan*

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**N.McClanahan** - October 17, 2015 at 10:09 AM

BE

“ I was one of her first students the very first year she taught (second grade), at Johnson Elementary School (1992).



She had to take a huge risk for me. I had transferred from a charter school and wasn't being challenged at Johnson. Sheri had to go to admin in her very first year of teaching and advocate for me to skip third grade after I finished second, so I would be back at a level that challenged me.

It took a fight on her behalf, and the decision was thoroughly discussed, but I was allowed to skip third grade.

I was thoroughly watched throughout fourth grade for signs of failure (academically or socially), but I thrived. I remember to this day the time I answered a difficult question in my fourth grade class and a kid in the back called out, "I see why she skipped a grade!"

Sheri took a risk on me when most people would say she didn't have enough experience to merit taking a stand, and I thrived for the rest of my academic career. It is powerful for a child to feel believed in.

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**Bethany** - October 17, 2015 at 09:49 AM

KL

“ Family-So sorry about Sheri. I was looking forward to reconnecting with her. I remember all the fun times we had as younger children. She was such a sweet person. She will be missed by all. Kara Lee Wittstock



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**Kara Lee** - October 17, 2015 at 09:32 AM

HS

“ Sheri was my daughter, Alexa Sample's, wonderful and kind second grade teacher (20 years ago). At the beginning of the school year, my daughter's grandmother died in her arms. It was so traumatic that Alexa "sleep walked" through the first half of the school year. Sheri's kindness and patience helped Alexa not only cope, but continue to love school and to learn. I also knew Sheri as a fellow employee of PSD and she was always kind and generous. A light has gone out of the world with her passing, but she has touched so many hearts she will live forever.

With love,  
Holly Sample

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**Holly Sample** - October 17, 2015 at 08:30 AM

CW

Dear Family  
Bill and I remember so many good times with Sheri and family- our love and caring is sent to you and hope somehow you can soon remember all of the love she had to share instead of the sadness we are all having now. She was truly one of a kind.  
Bill and Carol West

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**carol west** - October 19, 2015 at 12:11 PM

JA

Sheri was friends to both of us and we were so sad to hear of this terrible news. Sheri always will have a special spot in our heart as a special friend to Michelle and a wonderful colleague to Joe. Our hearts hurt for her family and ask for blessings for you during this trying time.  
Joe and Michelle Ahlbrandt

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**Joe and Michelle Ahlbrandt** - October 19, 2015 at 07:12 PM

TB

*Larry, Karla, and Greg,*

*I have not kept in touch over the years but I always thought the world was a better place knowing Sherry was in it. I'm deeply sorry for your loss. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tom Brauch** - November 05, 2015 at 11:06 PM