



## Sherrie Wolff

January 22, 2024

Sherrie Wolff of Boulder, CO, passed away peacefully in Fort Collins, CO on January 22, 2024. Sherrie was a lifelong political consultant and strategist in Colorado, California, Wyoming, Washington D.C., and various countries throughout the world. She was a successful campaign manager and chief-of-staff for a U.S. Senator, and U.S. Congressman. Worldwide, Sherrie worked with parliaments, assemblies, prime ministers, and presidents helping develop political systems for their fledgling democracies. At home in Colorado, she was elected to represent her state as the committeewoman on the Democratic National Committee.

Sherrie was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on August 28, 1938, to Margaret Evelyn Barnard and Chester Samuel Lyman. She graduated from Salt Lake City's Granite High School in 1956 before attending the University of Utah obtaining her B.S. in Political science. After meeting and marrying the love of her life, Warren William (Buddy) Wolff, in Salt Lake City on August 10, 1962, the two began their journey together following Buddy's military career around the U.S. and overseas to Taipei, Taiwan. It was during this time that Buddy and Sherrie started a family and had two children- Brett, and Whitney whom she loved dearly throughout her life. Perhaps two of her greatest loves were those of her two grandchildren Dayton Michael Williams, and Kennedy Anne Williams of Fort Collins, CO. Sherrie only met her great-granddaughter, Charlotte Ayn Williams via video from her memory care facility in Fort Collins. After coming back to Colorado from Taiwan, Sherrie's love for southeast Asia

led her to get her M.A. in Chinese History from the University of Colorado. She then began her vast and extensive career in politics that spanned parts of five decades. She culminated her lifelong learning quest later in life when she earned a Ph.D. in Political Science, Government from Columbus University. During Sherrie's long political career, she had the privilege of helping democratize countries in parts of the world that only some Americans get to visit. Sherrie worked for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) in: Indonesia, Nepal, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Ukraine, Somalia, Macedonia, Vietnam, the Republic of Georgia, Romania, Tanzania, Bangladesh, and Papua New Guinea.

Sherrie loved her friends and was thankful for the various political groups that she was involved in until just recently. She loved her and Buddy's friends at the Meadows Club, their Vail/Grand Lake groups, and the "Democratic Old Broads." Sherrie loved to ski, golf, play cards and board games with family and friends.

Sherrie was preceded in death by her parents, Chester Lyman, and Margaret Lyman, her brothers, Ken Lyman, and Jim Lyman, and her husband of 48 years Buddy Wolff. She leaves behind her children, Brett Wolff and her daughter-in-law Rachel Salhi of California, her daughter Whitney Williams, and her son-in-law Kevin Williams, her granddaughter, Kennedy Williams, her grandson and family, Dayton Williams, his wife Jessica Williams, and their daughter Charlotte Williams all of Colorado.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Bohlender Funeral Chapel; details are pending.

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Sherrie was my first paycheck in politics. When she was ED of the Colorado Democratic Party she made sure I got \$400 for my “volunteer” work while awaiting bar exam results. She then went on to recommend me for a job opening in U.S. Senator Gary Hart’s office. My career in public service began with Sherrie’s kindness and advocacy. I am so sorry to miss services in her memory. I will always hold her dear in my life.

*Alan Salazar*

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**Alan Salazar** - April 04, 2024 at 07:04 PM

SS

“ My BFF Sherrie was the definition of someone who never met a stranger. Sherrie and I met in 1986 when she was managing a congressional campaign and I worked for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. We were both hopeless political junkies, and true to her form we very quickly developed a friendship that lasted 38 years. I lived in Texas and Sherrie lived all over the world. She was that friend that you might not see for awhile and when you finally got together it was like you had never been apart.

*My daughter, Laura, chose to come to UC Boulder and I got to spend more time in Colorado with my friend (when she was not on another continent). I'd call and say I am in town and Sherrie would say let's meet for dinner at Murphy's South. By the time I arrived Sherrie would be waiting at the bar, and she knew everyone in the place. She would be holding court, telling stories and making everyone laugh. The Murphy's crowd were Sherrie's friends and once you were her friend you were friends for life. By extension they became my friends. This scenario repeated everywhere we went in Colorado.*

*When my husband, Jeff and I decided to retire to Boulder, Sherrie was quick to introduce us to a real-estate agent, "good democrat" and her friend of course. She became our friend too.*

*Before we had actually moved to Boulder, Sherrie began introducing me to her circle of democratic friends. Anytime I came to Boulder she took me to discussion groups, fundraisers, parties, lunches, and insisted I join the Democratic Women of Boulder County.*

*Sherrie created a thriving social circle for Jeff and me here in Boulder. Because of Sherrie we have a wonderful group of very good friends we travel with, spend holidays with, and know they will always be there for us. These friends are my anchor of support especially as I have dealt with the absence of my BFF.*

*Sherrie was an amazing woman; she was brilliant, gregarious, funny, and beautiful. Most of all she was a very good friend, and I love her and miss her very much.*

*May you rest in peace dear friend.*

*Sandra Shafto  
Best Friends Forever*



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**Sandra Shafto** - April 04, 2024 at 01:38 PM

BL

“*“Diamonds are a girl's best friend” we sang as we danced for a Boulder County Democrats fund raising event. Sherrie was truly a rare and valuable friend. I have always been so in awe of all she did to help democracy around the world. And, when she was actually here in Boulder County, I felt honored to join her socially in our DOBS (Democratic Old Broads Society) group, our Monday morning discussion group and occasionally solving the problems of the world, just the 2 of us, over a glass of wine - or rum and coca cola. Sherrie was a dear friend, I feel proud and grateful to have known her. She will be missed by so many!*

*Barbara Lamm*

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**Barbara Lamm** - April 04, 2024 at 11:27 AM

“From the moment Sherrie walked into the humane society I knew she would be the one to take me home, keep me safe, and love me forever. I had been living feral on the streets and thought it was time to get out of the cold and find a home. As she moved through the room looking at the other cats I took extra care with my grooming and when she arrived at my crate I gave her my brightest smile. It happened Sherrie took me home!

Normally humans frighten me, there was something different about Sherrie, still when we got to her house I stayed under the bed just to make sure it was safe. Sure enough she was kind and immediately showered me with love. When she talked to me it was in a soft voice and she gave me good food, treats, and wonderful soft toy balls to play with.

It didn't take long before every night I slept cuddled with Sherrie on the bed and jumped up into her lap anytime she sat down so we could watch MSNBC. I felt so loved it was heaven. I was still frightened by all her friends that came to visit. I would always hide when they were in the house.

Sherrie had one friend, Sandra that would come and stay with us for days. She seemed okay. I started coming out when she was with there and it was a good thing too because when Sherrie got sick and had to go away this friend came to feed me every day.

I missed Sherrie so much and wanted her to come home so bad it hurt.

One day when Sandra came over she tricked me into getting in a crate. I really hated that and thought she might be stealing me from Sherrie and taking me someplace terrible.

It turned out okay because she took me to another house where two very nice humans, Dickey Lee and Bob made a new home for me. The new home is nice almost as nice as my home with Sherrie.

*I still love Sherrie, always will, and miss her every day.*

*Chloe*

*Sherrie's Kitty*

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**Chloe Wolff Hullinghorst** - April 04, 2024 at 11:12 AM

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ED

“*Dr. Sherrie Wolf was a beacon of light, full of energy, dedication and compassion. She touched the lives of many. She dedicated herself notably through her work for a mission in Kosovo, where she not only made a difference but also forged lasting friendships.*

*Sherrie's work ethic was unparalleled, her commitment to her mission unwavering. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Sherrie will be remembered for her kindness, thoughtfulness, and genuine care for those around her. She was a true friend, always ready to lend a helping hand and offer words of comfort and encouragement.*

*I am grateful for the time to have shared with her and am honored that she chose me as her friend. Her memory will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her.*

*May you rest in peace.*

*Your friend,  
Ermal Dida. MD  
Ophthalmologist*



**Ermal Dida** - March 15, 2024 at 08:46 PM

RR

“ There was a time in my life when Sherrie and I spoke an average of two times every day. Over those 700+ phone calls, we almost always ended the call laughing. Those laughs were because Sherrie had the unique ability of making everyone see some bright light in any situation, and that light often promoted laughter. Yes, there were dark days, but in those days she always carried a positive, upbeat and infectious determination to make life better for all. And that was her gift. To make the world better, her family strong, and her friends laugh. RIP Sherrie. Joannie and I will miss you so much.  
Rick Ridder

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**Rick Ridder** - March 15, 2024 at 02:00 PM

NM

“ Noel Miner lit a candle in memory of Sherrie Wolff



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**Noel Miner** - March 13, 2024 at 05:46 PM

NM

“ Sherrie added so much to my life as well as to Barbara, Kimberley and Dillon. Parties, dinners, campaigns, hikes, trips are all very fond memories of a beautiful and loving friend. We are grateful for her light, joy and intelligence that she shared with all. Peace, Noel Miner

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**Noel Miner** - March 13, 2024 at 05:45 PM

GS

“ *My deepest sympathies! Thinking of you at this difficult time!* ”



**Gjylnaze Sylja** - March 12, 2024 at 06:42 PM

MA

“ *My most sincere condolences for the passing of Sherrie! She will remain forever in my memory as an extremely positive and super energetic woman who contributed to democracy in Kosovo! May she rest in peace!* ”

**Mjellma Hapciu Alijaj** - March 12, 2024 at 07:48 AM

GS

*I met Sherrie in 2003, in Kosovo, at the time she was working as a consultant for National Democratic Institute and I was engaged politically. She was dedicated to her work and motivated to support democratisation of political parties and Kosovo Assembly. And we were enthusiastic to learn from her and follow her advices and experiences. I will always remember her! Thank you Sherrie for all you have done! Goodby dear friend!*

**Gjylnaze Sylja** - March 12, 2024 at 06:34 PM

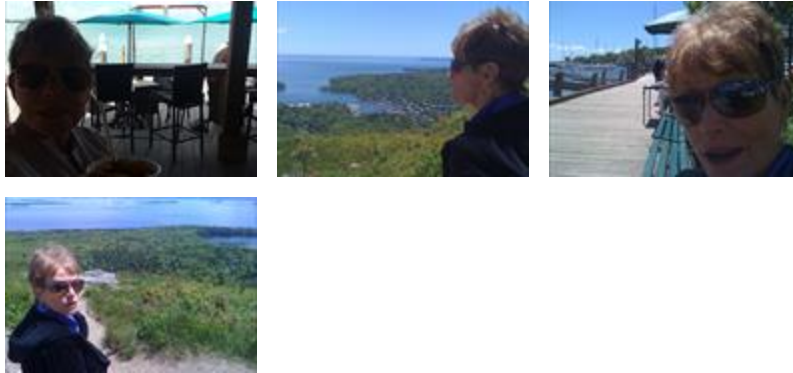
BS

*Sherrie was a dear friend and political colleague. Her sense of humor and caring redeemed the sometimes messy business of politics. Relationships always mattered more to Sherrie than political advantage. She was trustworthy to a fault. The world has few, but needs more, Sherrie Wolfs.*

**Buie Seawell** - July 31, 2024 at 05:31 PM

TB

“ 4 files added to the album *Visits to Maine and Key West*



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**Tim Baker** - March 11, 2024 at 01:51 PM

TB

“ *Tim Baker lit a candle in memory of Sherrie Wolff*



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**Tim Baker** - March 10, 2024 at 07:15 PM

TB

“ *Dr. Wolff was a great friend and treasured colleague beginning with our work together in Kosovo in 2001. She will be missed by all and forgotten by none who knew her. Goodbye, dear Doc.*

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**Tim Baker** - March 10, 2024 at 07:14 PM

FV

“ 2 files added to the album *International*



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**Franklin De Vrieze** - March 10, 2024 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ *Sherrie was an amazing talent and an inspiration to so many women. Her work with fledgling democracies will live long into the future. I am grateful for having known such a woman. My deepest sympathies to her children.*

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**Joan Fitz-Gerald** - March 10, 2024 at 03:13 PM

LW

*Sherrie was a passionate politician and enjoyable, enthusiastic human being. I enjoyed her thoughts at our weekly women's political group. Her dancing, especially her high kicks!, will be long remembered with the Darlin' Dancing Dems when Gary Hart was the guest speaker at the Truman Dinner. I feel she had much joy in her life, contributed a lot to Democracy in third world countries, and is missed by our group and many more. ❤️*

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**Linda Woods** - March 14, 2024 at 06:39 PM

DH

*Sherrie was a close and wonderful friend. We met in Democratic politics in Boulder County in the 1970s. As the years progressed, I became increasingly impressed with her intellect, her social conscience and her dedication to democracy and support for women in places all around the world. Sherrie selflessly contributed her knowledge, her energy and her love with those who needed help. And, she contributed significantly to making this world a better place.*

*Dickey Lee Hullinghorst*

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**Dickey Lee Hullinghorst** - April 04, 2024 at 03:10 PM