



## Susan Elizabeth Jaranson-Witherow

February 20, 1950 - December 20, 2010

Susan Elizabeth Jaranson-Witherow "Sue", 60, of Fort Collins, died Monday, December 20th, at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, Colorado. Sue was born February 20, 1950 in Wadena, Minnesota. She was the third daughter and fourth child of E.E. Jaranson and Lucille Mary Brow Jaranson. She graduated from Saint Francis High School in Little Falls, Minnesota and received a BA in Sociology and English from Dominican College in Racine, Wisconsin in 1972. Sue followed her older sister, Margie to Colorado in 1982 where she married Robert "Bob" Witherow on May 29, 1992. The families of Sue and Bob are grateful to Dick and Anne Lund of Spicer, MN for introducing the two of them. Sue worked for Larimer County Department of Human Services DHS for 26 years. Much of her time with DHS was spent working in the Child Support unit. In recent years she worked for the Low Income Energy Assistance unit. Sue's passion and hobby was going to garage sales in search of antique treasures for her home and flea market booth. She was also an avid hockey and football fan. Her favorite teams were the Colorado Eagles, Colorado Avalanche and University of Minnesota Hockey and Football teams. In earlier years, she was an avid crafter and enjoyed cross-stitch and crocheting. Sue's other favorite past times were fishing with her father and refinishing furniture with her father-in-law before each passed away. She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, E. E. and Lucille Jaranson and her in-laws, M. F. "Rusty" and Lucille "Babe" Witherow, as well as her black lab Otto and chocolate lab Molly. Survivors include her husband, Bob Witherow of

Fort Collins; brother, Arvid Jaranson Diane of Baudette, MN; sisters, Janet Hailing of Otsego, MN, Margaret "Margie" Eric of Palm Desert, CA; 3 nieces, 5 nephews and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews. Sue will be remembered as a warm and generous spirit. She had an endearing charm and personality that will be deeply missed by the friends and family who love her so much. Sue's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the dear friends, neighbors and co-workers who shared their compassion, love and support during her brief illness. A memorial service is planned for Wednesday, December 29, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. The service will take place at the Bohlender Funeral Chapel. A private interment will be held at Fort Logan National Cemetery at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ Dear Iris a.k.a. Sue, Thank you, dear friend, for coming into our lives. You will never know how much we will miss you. Thank you, too, for your kindness to our boys, Cody, Trooper and Nicky. We will so miss our times together, and we promise to look after Bob. We will always love you. Until we meet again... Pearl, Stanley, Troopie, and Nicky

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**Marge & Joe Teklits** - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EI

“ I was very sad to hear about Sue's passing. I have worked with Sue for the past 9 years and always enjoyed her beautiful laugh and smile. I will miss her terribly and pass on my deepest condolences to her family. We miss you and love you. Eileen & family.

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**Eileen** - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It was such a joy getting to know Sue. I had the pleasure of working with her at DHS in the LEAP unit. There wasn't a day that she didn't have me laughing and smiling. Her friendship touched me and I am so blessed to have had her in my life.

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**JoAnn C** - December 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JQ

“ *What a tragic loss for all of us who knew and loved Sue. I first met her 16 years ago when we worked together at DHS, and even after we no longer worked in the same building, we kept in touch and always had plenty to talk about. Sue was a kind, thoughtful she always asked about my family, most of whom she never even met!, bright, witty, beautiful woman. I'm lucky to have known her and I know there are many who feel that the world has lost a true gem. My heartfelt condolences to Bob and all who loved Sue J.*

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**Julie Quihuiz** - December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Bob, My heartfelt condolences to you, family, and friends of Sue. She was a terrific lady and it was my pleasure to have her on the LEAP Low-Income Energy Assistance Program team here at Department of Human Services. To say she will be missed is a HUGE understatement. Her quick wit, laughter, and caring heart are just a few things I will always remember. She made my job of being a 'boss' easy and I feel fortunate to have also been considered a friend. Peggy Koskie*

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**Peggy Koskie** - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *I have known Sue for 19 years and will never forget her spirit and laughter. It has saddened me that she is gone from this world. She always talked about Bob and growing up in Wadena MN. She loved her dogs Otto and Molly. She will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Carleen Johnston** - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *My prayers are with you and your families Bob. Sue was a great person to know and work with. She will be missed. She always kept me informed of auctions estate sales going on.*

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**Gail VanWagner** - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I used to visit with Sue frequently when we both worked at DHS at the Blue Spruce office. I liked to walk during my breaks and would often run into her outside. We would chat and she would usually say something to make me smile and lighten my mood. She was a good friend and I will miss her.*

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**Richard Perry** - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM