



## Sheila (Simpson) Kearns

November 5, 1964 - March 31, 2009

TORRINGTON, WY. . . . . Memorial services for SHEILA MAE (SIMPSON) KEARNS, 44, will be held at 4:00pm on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church. Sheila died suddenly on Tuesday, March 31, 2009. Cremation has taken place. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to her daughters, Jessica and Jamie Kearns. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com) Sheila was born on November 5, 1964 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska the daughter of David and Mirriam (Benzel) Simpson. The family moved to Torrington in 1972. Sheila received her education in Torrington where she played basketball and volleyball and graduated Torrington High School in 1983. She went on to attend Eastern Wyoming College where she also played basketball. Sheila spent her summers, while in school, working for the Town of Torrington. She also worked at the Chicken Hut and for U.P.S. At the time of her death, Sheila was employed with the City of Torrington where she had been the Foreman of the Parks Department for many years. Sheila enjoyed woodworking, scrapbooking, and reading. She really liked biking and golfing and enjoyed landscaping. She was a member of the Torrington Tree Board. Sheila also played and coached softball for many years. She is survived by her daughters, Jessica and Jamie of Torrington; her mother and step-father, Mirriam and Ronald Clayborn of Torrington; sister Susan Swanson and her husband Mike also of Torrington; grandmother, Rachel (Benzel) Flack of

Tempe, Arizona; and two nieces, Nichole and Courtney Swanson both of Torrington. She was preceded in death by her father, David Simpson; grandfather, Ben Benzel; grandmother, Shirley Hight; and great grandparents, Bus and Nina Cross.

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Jessica and Jamie,

*I have known your mother since she was 14 years old. I was her school counselor and class sponsor. There are so many things that I could say about her that I do not even know where to start. Her wit and giggle are just a few of the things that I will miss. I have marveled at her ability to raise the two of you to be the beautiful and talented young people that you are. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Julia Newman** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

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**John and Norma Jung** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Truly loved, truly missed.

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**Amber Gaskill** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Before moving back to the area, it seems I would often run into Sheila when visiting my family. We would always laugh and joke just as we did in high school. I will miss that! She was a strong and courageous woman...what an example to her daughters.

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**Diane Edwards** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Sheila Mae you will truly be missed by many! I'm very thankful for all the wonderful memories I'll cherish forever and for the lessons of life we've shared. Jamie and Jessica your mother had a wonderful spirit and love for life and I know she loved you both with all her heart! I have all of you in my thoughts and prayers. She was a true friend / best friend (my sister) and I will miss her...*

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**Thyra (Matthews) Welsh** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Jessica & Jaime,  
Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. I will give you a call next week to see how you are doing. Stay strong and allow God to give you that extra strength that is needed during this time.*

*I love both of you,  
Aunt Carol*

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**Carol Kearns** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Sheila was forever that colorful person who entered your life like a tornado. She was one of the most honest people that I ever knew. You never had to wonder what or where you were with Sheila. Her enthusiam for life was no match for the love that she had for her girls and her family and very importantly her friends. We all are so much richer for the time we had with Sheila. Girls, she raised you to be independent and strong, like her, and I know you will be. Soon the ache in your hearts will ease and sunshine will fill you with wonderful memories. Prayers for you all, Patty*

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**Patty Schaneman** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. I played basketball with Sheila in high school. I have so many great memories of her and that laugh of hers, that was only hers. She could get us all to laugh just because she was. I am thankful to have met her and known her. I thought of her often over the years. I know you will miss her terribly but you also have your memories of her. I pray that the Lord will ease your pain and you may find comfort in Him.

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**Kelli (Hoehne) Holmes** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I attended school with Sheila, but haven't seen her in many years. Sad news today. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you work through your loss.

*Kind regards,*

*Glenn Hascall*

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**Glenn Hascall** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Miriam and Ron and family,*

*I am so sorry to hear about your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I can't imagine how great your grief is. If we can help in any way, please let us know.*

*With heavy hearts,*

*Dick and Pat*

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**Pat Fullmer** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ *Sheila is one of my most cherished memories of Torrington. I played volleyball and basketball with her during high school...which was great...but it was all the hang out time and wonderful laughs we shared that makes her so special.*

*I am sorry for your loss. Her memories will forever lighten my heart and bring a smile to my face.*

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**Christie (Sailors) Veldhuizen** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It's hard to think of Sheila without smiling. She was a couple years older than me, but I remember her taking me under her wing on athletic bus trips and making me feel comfortable. I haven't talked to her for 20 years but I can still remember her giggle. She was special and everyone loved her!*

*Shannon Brichacek (Sailors)*

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**Shannon Brichacek (Sailors)** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *What a surprise and shock it was to hear about your mom's (and wife) sudden death.*

*I remember her to be an awesome athlete with a great smile and sense of humor.*

*My thoughts and prayers will be with your family.*

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**Katrina (Cobb) Frey** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ While I don't know Sheila's girls, I have known and loved Sheila, and her sister Susan and her mother for years. I was so totally shocked when my sister told me the news. Sheila shared her mother's sense of humor and wit. She was the Rock Star on our "Old Lady" softball team in the early 1980's. I think I'm responsible for teaching her how to drink Kamakazi's (do kids even know what those are today?)since that was our team drink!

*My heart goes out to all who knew and loved her, she was a very special girl!*

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**Lani Kroenlein Gering** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Sheila's Family,

*What a wonderful friend & talented individual Sheila was. So many memories of her in our school years & playing sports together. I will always remember her smile and her laughter that was truly contagious. Whenever I came home to visit I would always see her out there, working hard making our home town look beautiful & she always had a smile and a wave to give. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Good bye my friend and teammate I will never forget you.*

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**Tamie (Prado) Barajas** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Susan and family, so so sorry to hear about your loss! May God touch and heal your hearts!

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**Sabrina Tanner** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jessica and Jamie-It is through you that your mom will live on. You are a testimony to the kind of friend and mother she was. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary & Mark Perkins** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Sheila Mae (Boom) Simpson as she liked to be called in elementary school left quite an impression on all who knew her as we were growing up. I have known Sheila since she moved to Torrington I believe it was 2nd grade. We were involved in sports together throughout our middle school and high school years and I found her to be a fierce competitor. Jessica and Jamie your mother's memory will live on through you both. Each of you have special qualities she possessed that will allow both of you to make an impression on those around you as well. Do your mother proud. Susan and Mirriam I have great respect for Sheila and the things she was able to accomplish in her short life. She was a determined and dedicated person who gave 100% in both her personal and professional endeavors. I hope time will help comfort both of you and your families.

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**Kelly (Wilhelm) Deming** - March 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM