



Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer

August 17, 1961 - January 17, 2024

Memorial services for SHELLY KAYE KIRCHHEFER, 62, will be held 10am Saturday

February 10, 2024, at the Goshen County Rendezvous Center with Reverend Matt Gordon

officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. A reception will follow burial.

Shelly passed away January 17, 2024, at Davis Hospice in Cheyenne and cremation has taken place. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer, 62 passed away peacefully on January 17, 2024 at Davis Hospice

Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. She was born on August 17, 1961 in Denver, Colorado, daughter

of Fred & Shannon Fenimore.

In Shelly's early years, she lived in Denver, CO and Cheyenne, WY. Her family then relocated to

Torrington, WY, where she grew up with her younger brother Brian. Shelly was an active child,

always surrounded by friends, and enjoyed activities such as bowling, sledding, ice skating,

swimming, and Brownies-Bluebirds. During high school, Shelly participated in

all school sports

and worked at the local tree farm and swimming pool. Shelly graduated from Torrington High School in 1979.

After graduation Shelly ventured back to Colorado for a time and then to Nebraska. She worked as a swimming pool lifeguard and had experience with waitressing, secretarial administration, and emergency dispatching.

Shelly was blessed with two daughters, Shauna, and Andrea, with her first husband, Delwin

Watson, while living in Lingle, WY. Spending time with family and helping others was Shelly's

passion. She spent much of her time supporting her children in their activities and worked many

part time jobs such as childcare and school cook. Shelly managed the Lingle swimming pool in

the summers and both her daughters got to work alongside her.

Shelly's passion for helping people lead her to 29 years of service in emergency management and

10 years as a volunteer firefighter. She began her career in 1993, in Lingle and in May of 1999,

she transferred to Goshen County Emergency Management where she filled many roles,

including working with U.S. Homeland Security, local emergency response, statewide training

and storm chasing. She was a mentor to many and known across the state for her dedication and selfless service.

Shelly married her soul mate, Gary Kirchhefer on May 5, 2006. Together they enjoyed traveling,

hunting, fishing, camping, shooting, Jeeping, and shopping. Both were employed with the Sheriff's department and volunteered together at the Yoder Fire Department. This gave them ample opportunities to share another passion, storm chasing. Tracking dangerous weather was serious work but also exciting and a rewarding challenge. If she wasn't managing crisis situations, training for worst case scenarios, or out in severe weather she would enjoy relaxing with her pets, painting and attending her grandkids activities. She loved being her grandkids "Mema".

Early retirement from the job she loved came when she was diagnosed with lung & brain cancer in December 2020. Through long ongoing treatments she battled through this storm to be with her loved ones an extra three years.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Gary Kirchhefer; mother, Shannon Fenimore; brother Brian (Amy) Fenimore; daughter, Shauna (Daryl) Wunder; daughter Andrea (Justin) Smith; stepdaughter Joylene (Brent) Anderson; stepson Gary (Windy) Kirchhefer II and her grandchildren Skyla, Shaylyn, Daryn, McKenzie, McKayla, Caleb, Abigail, Faith, Skyler, Cole, and Joshua. She also had 3 great grandchildren. Niece; Jordyn and nephew; Zachary. Shelly was preceded in death by her father Fred Fenimore, grandparents, and many aunts, uncles, and

cousins.

Memorial donations may be made to Gracie's Promise.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Cemetery

30th Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Rendezvous Center
4740 US-26 #85
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Hascall lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer*



Gayle Hascall - February 12, 2024 at 12:10 AM



“ *Worked with that smile in many emergencies. A true heart! Scott Cotton.*

Scott Cotton - February 07, 2024 at 08:32 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.*



February 07, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *Uncle Mic, Aunt Tracy & Chad purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.*



Uncle Mic, Aunt Tracy & Chad - February 01, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DY

“ *Darin Yates lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer*



Darin Yates - January 31, 2024 at 07:10 PM

QC

“ *Queens Trucking and Construction purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.*



Queens Trucking and Construction - January 31, 2024 at 12:46 PM

MW

“ *Michael Wilson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.*



Michael Wilson - January 26, 2024 at 10:08 PM

MW

“ *Michael Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.*

Michael Wilson - January 26, 2024 at 10:08 PM

TW

“ Tom & Cheryl Watson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.



Tom & Cheryl Watson - January 25, 2024 at 04:54 PM

LK

“ Lisa (kelly) lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kirchhefer



Lisa lawrence (kelly) - January 25, 2024 at 09:44 AM

MK

“ Megan Hoffmann, Damian, Park, Dom, Ken purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer.



Megan Hoffmann, Damian, Park, Dom, Ken - January 24, 2024 at 09:04 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry to hear of Shelly’s passing. Glad we got to see her last summer in Steward, IL. Sending thoughts and prayers to all the family. Jack and Sharen Thompson

Jack Thompson - January 24, 2024 at 08:18 PM

JS

“ Jay Bobbi Stuck lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kirchhefer



Jay and Bobbi Stuck - January 23, 2024 at 02:33 PM

LF

“ Lu and Family lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kirchhefer



Lu Vaughan and Family - January 23, 2024 at 02:17 PM

PS

“ Was so sorry and shocked to hear the news of Shelly passing. I hadn't seen her in quite some time. She was a great heart and giving person to anyone that needed it. Now she is in a beautiful place and hurts no more. She will watch over her families with great care and be with you always. AND when it is time she will prepare a place for all to join her. Let the sunshine in and heal your hearts and the memories will help heal the ache. Blessings and prayers for strength.

Patty Schaneman

Patty Schaneman - January 23, 2024 at 12:40 PM

SD

“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer



Sue Davis - January 23, 2024 at 09:51 AM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer



Scherri Hacker - January 22, 2024 at 09:02 PM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Shelly Kaye Kirchhefer



Carol Peterson - January 22, 2024 at 08:40 PM

KR

“ *Shauna and Andrea - My sympathies to both of you. Words do not mean a lot right now but in time they will help. Your mom and I had our lives intertwined several times throughout the years. First, by having both of our daughters in the same class from K-graduation. We also were in the Crazy Ladies Extension club together - yes the name fit us to a T! We worked at the school lunchroom together and we were members of the LFL Booster club together - even serving as officers together. The most important was the role of being a mother to two wonderful daughters. She couldn't have been prouder of you two! She loved you so much. It really hurts and it is going to - don't be ashamed to cry. Anything worth something hurts when it is gone. Just keep the memories and remember to laugh as well as I know there were so many good times. That is what will carry you thru and help your broken hearts. Jesus Christ is there and will carry you thru - all you have to do is ask! Love and take care. Kerri Rose*

Kerri Rose - January 22, 2024 at 06:49 PM