



Kathleen A. Ochsner

October 18, 1961 - July 11, 2017

Kathy Ochsner, 55, mom and dear friend to all, died unexpectedly July 8, 2017, near Longmont, Colorado after years of struggling with depression. She was born October 18, 1961, in Greeley, Colorado to James and Dorothy Bell. She was married to Lonnie Ochsner from 1984 to 2001 and gave birth to their son, Ryan Ochsner, in 1985. She cherished being a mom and spending time with Ryan. Kathy met Dyce DeHaan in 2004, and they were planning to be married later this year.

Kathy had a passion for helping people and lived a life full of adventure. After graduating from Greeley West High School in 1980, she attended cosmetology school then pursued a career as a hair stylist, later opening her own salon. However, she always desired to do more to help others, which motivated her to continue her education and complete her undergraduate and master's degrees in psychology and counseling.

Kathy also loved animals, working with children, and helping the homeless. She stopped traffic to save a stray animal on more than one occasion. She truly had the gifts of love and compassion.

Kathy was preceded in death by her father, James Bell, and her brother, Terry Bell. She is survived by her son, Ryan Ochsner; fiancé, Dyce DeHaan; mother, Dorothy Bell; brother, Dennis Bell; sister, Judy McDonald; and her beloved pets Harley, Taylor, Chanel, and Paris.

The family will hold a private memorial later this week. Cards can be sent to Moser Funeral Service, 3501 S. 11th Ave., Evans, CO 80620.

Visit Kathy's memorial page and donate to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at afsp.donordrive.com/campaign/KathyOchsner.

Comments



“ I miss Kathy so much. I waited a long time for Kathy to call me or come over. I wish she'd of been there, but I love her and I hope and pray the Lord will take care of her. Love, Dorothy Bell (Kathy's mother)

Dorothy Bell - July 27, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Kathy and I went to high school together and recently reconnected, still a beautiful person inside and out after all these years. Heaven has gained another angel, so saddened by this news. My thoughts and prayers are with the family, may you R.I.P beautiful lady xoxo

Kim Michelle - July 24, 2017 at 03:51 AM



“ My precious friend. So many good memories. We talked a month ago. I wish I could have helped. I will miss you forever. Love

diane flowers - July 23, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathleen A. Ochsner.



July 23, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ I worked with Kathy many years ago at United Bank of Greeley. She was always so friendly and helpful . I hadn't seen in her years but the fond memories of her remain. Truly sad to hear of her passing . Condolences to the family.

Vicki Lobato - July 23, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ I haven't seen Kathy in over twenty years. She was always a sweetheart when I knew her in HS and a little after that . God Bless her and her family. So very sorry to hear of this .

Matt Voegtle - July 22, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ Words can't express my sadness and broken heart of Kathy's passing. Friends since our teens, we remained close even though we were busy with our families, work and life. Kathy was an amazing friend. She was selfless and had a heart of gold. Her sense of humor was comedic and her laughter was contagious. My deepest sympathy to Ryan, Dyce and her family. To Kathy, may you rest in peace my forever gal pal. I will miss you!

Ingrid LaBahn - July 22, 2017 at 11:01 AM



“ I worked with Kathy in high school at Burger King and went to school with her, she always made me laugh, we had some good times, Sorry for your loss.

Mary Hamman Foos
class of 1979

Mary Foos - July 21, 2017 at 11:28 PM



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Ingrid LaBahn - July 21, 2017 at 11:20 PM



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“ Our deepest sympathies! We are very sad to hear of Kathy's passing and know the impact she had on others will continue on. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you and give you peace in the days ahead.

Dan & Jeanette Sisson - July 21, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ I got the pleasure to be friends with Kathy while she worked at Hairitage Hair Care as a stylist . She was such a warm hearted and bubbly person. Had so many memories and laughter. I am so saddened and in disbelief to hear this. My heart goes out to her family. I pray that God's love will surround you and help you to deal with this horrible tragedy. There is no understanding why this happened. Just find peace in knowing she is at peace and God has her. So Sorry for your loss.

Gwen Mitchell - July 21, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ I am at a complete loss for words. The news and shock of Kathy passing is devastating. I have known Kathy and Judy for most of our lives. The most gorgeous on the outside BUT completely beautiful on the inside as well. Loving, caring, kind, funny, the laugh, the smile, the bubbly personality, happy are just a few of the amazing things that come to mind so quickly. I am so sorry, so sorry. Jodi Hergenreder (Burge)

Jodi Burge - July 21, 2017 at 09:30 AM



“ Thank you Jodi! She was beautiful inside and out . We will miss her tremendously. Love, Judy

Judy N Duane - July 22, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ I am in total disbelief. Devastating news to everyone that knew. I still can't believe it. I've know Kathy since grade school. Such a Beautiful person inside and out. Always had a smile on her face. Beautiful heart! Kathy, you will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family! Glen Sanders

Glen - July 23, 2017 at 08:43 AM



“ Kathy and I met when we attended Lamaze classes, had our babies close together and stayed friends for years. Recently we had reconnected and started getting caught up on life. I will always remember Kathy's smile and her wonderfully caring heart. May all the wonderful memories give Ryan and her family comfort and healing. Rest in Peace my friend, you will never be forgotten.

Tracey - July 26, 2017 at 09:17 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear this news. I too was a fellow pompon from Greeley West and have many fond memories of Kathy. She was the bubbly one, always smiling! She brought so much humor to our team. My heartfelt condolences to her family!

Debbie Donahue

Debbie Donahue - July 20, 2017 at 04:29 PM



“ Thank you Debbie. Judy

Judy N Duane - July 22, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ Judy and Duane so very sorry to see of your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and the family. Debbie Demmel

Deb - July 24, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ Ryan, Dyce, and the Bell Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. Her determination getting her degrees was quite the accomplishment! She enjoyed life and it showed. I am so grateful that she and I kept in touch all these years. Her giggle made me laugh. She will be sorely missed.

Patti Albrandt - July 20, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ Thank you Patti! Judy

Judy N Duane - July 22, 2017 at 11:24 AM



“ I am so very sad to hear of Kathy's passing. She was a beautiful, sweet person. Though we hadn't been in touch, I'll never forget our experiences as pompon girls at Greeley West. Kathy and I were each the end points of our line (aka the shortest girls). We had so much fun! My condolences to you.
Best, Jane Meyers Moderwell

Jane Moderwell - July 20, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ Peace and Prayers my Angel....

Cory Fahrenbruch - July 20, 2017 at 08:39 PM



“ May God bless each and everyone who knew and loved Kathy, with a peace that passes all understanding. Kathy was absolute sweetheart and when I heard of her passing, I could see her smiling face in my mind's eye, complete with a mouth full of braces and feathered

back blonde hair. She was a dear and will be terribly missed.

Michael McCord - July 22, 2017 at 12:29 AM



“ Thank you Cory, Judy

Judy N Duane - July 22, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ Thank you to all of Kathy's friends who have shared your kind thoughts and memories! She loved each of you and truly valued your friendship. She was a very special person and a truly wonderful mother to our son Ryan. He was the love of her life, and she will be missed so much! Ryan and I are touched by all of your wonderful thoughts and memories of Kathy.

Lonnie Ochsner

Lonnie Ochsner - July 26, 2017 at 01:41 PM