



Kathleen Nickell

May 13, 1961 - July 4, 2011

Kathleen (Kathy) Nickell died at her home in Cortez, Colorado on July 4, 2011. She was born May 13, 1961 to Robert D. & Mary E. Nickell. Kathy was a graduate of Alton High School & Eastern Illinois University. She began her career as a Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and The Forrest Service at Medford, Oregon in 1987. In 2000 she moved to Cortez Colorado to be the Wildlife Biologist for the Delores Public Lands. She managed and protected the Wildlife Resources on the San Juan National Forrest. She was a member of the For Pets Sake-Cortez Humane Society, Durango Agility Dogs- North American Dog Agility Club-Colorado Division of Wildlife-Quail Unlimited-Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation-Trout Unlimited-National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and Habitat Partnership Program. Kathy is survived by her parents, Robert and Mary Nickell; her sisters, Christine (Jim) Baker of Alton, IL and Barbara (Rick) Gomes of Tequesta, FL; her brother, Scott (Wendy) Nickell of Carlinville, IL, nieces: Allison and Abby Baker, Hailey and Kerrie Gomes and her nephew; CJ Baker and her special pets; Archer, Grace, Lucy and Jenna. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton, IL on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 10:00 a.m. with Father Jim Walther to officiate. Memorial contributions in Kathy's honor can be made to the Delores Public Lands Office, Dolores, CO 81321 or the Hospice of Montezuma, P.O. Box 740 Cortez, CO 81321 or the charity of your choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ Kathleen Nickell

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ Kathleen Nickell

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ I knew Kathy when she lived in Ashland and in N. California. I haven't seen her in years, but I can still hear her laughter. I am so sorry for your loss. She was a one of a kind person that always brought joy to all that she met. Her love for her animals as well as all strays and wild animals made a true difference in this world. She will be forever missed.

Julie Burd - August 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Chris and Scott,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your sister, Kathy. My thoughts and sympathy are with you and your family.

Sincerely,
Barb Schmidt
(St. Anthony's; Nautilus)

Barb Schmidt - July 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Ann and I are so sorry for the loss of Kathy. She was a special person and loved what she was doing. We remember her from when we lived on Mullen Lane. She was always happy and cheerful. May God be with you all and help to understand and go on. We will have you all in our prayers.

Phil and Ann Ellis

Phil & Ann Ellis - July 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Dear Bob and Mary:
I hold you both in my prayers as you now hold the life of your daughter in your hearts and her memories in your thoughts. May God's peace, which passes human understanding, comfort you in this difficult time.

Pastor Don Long - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Kathy was a tremendously brave lady whose inner strength and spirit were inspiring. I've known Kathy since college at Eastern and her humor and friendship will be sorely missed. Rest in peace Scoob.

Doug Neff - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Oh, the memories!...hide n' seek in the hay bales in the barn, playing on the caboose, running the horse trails and playing in the streams, the old rope swing and tractor- tire sand box.... I haven't seen Kathy in years. But we will always be family :-) I am so very sorry! I understand well what you are having to endure. I love you all! The memories are SO special!....it's because all of you are SO special!!!! With all my love and sympathy ~Dave

David H Eichen - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KZ

“ I remember meeting Kathy at EIU and we quickly became great friends! She was given the nickname "Scooby" by a group of class friends because she would always come in the room singing "Scooby dooby doo". I don't ever remember a time when she was angry or unhappy. She always had a love of animals and a huge heart! In the two years that we were together in college we became a very close group of friends. She played the violin in my wedding and her music was beautiful. Tom and I will miss you! Lots of prayers to your family. Love Kimmy

Kimmy Zirkle - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM