



Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz

July 16, 1953 - November 14, 2016

Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz, 63, from one end of Utah to the other, passed away on November 14th 2016, in Cedar City, UT with her daughter by her side. Sheila was born July 16, 1953, in Knoxville TN.

At the age of 1 1/2 she was adopted by Betty Jane and Virgil Wilson. When Sheila was 3 years old, Virgil tragically died in a car accident. Her mother later married Robert Cawley and he was Sheila daddy, she absolutely adored him. Sheila was blessed with a younger sister, Barbra Cawley who she loved beyond words. With Sheila's dad being in the air force making her sister and her air force brats, they moved all over throughout her younger years. In high school they landed in Clearfield, UT where Sheila graduated as a member of the student council and a majorette.

After high school Sheila briefly attended the University of Utah with an official major in chemistry and a minor in import export. During this time Sheila met LRay Jones. Together with their collective of friends they lived a wild and adventurous life over the years. After marring LRay in 1974, they had a daughter in 1977, Brook Heather Jones. Brook was Sheila's whole entire world. Sheila and LRay later divorced. Sheila loved her life to the fullest with her abundance of friends in Park City, UT. Sheila worked as a professional chef throughout her life. Sheila found love again with a longtime friend Gary Loritz. Sheila and Gary later married and spent many years living the dream

between Salt Lake and Park City with regular trips on their house boat in Lake Powell. Along with gaining a deep love and exciting life, Sheila gained a step son, Gordy Loritz, who she loved as much as her little Brookie.

After Sheila and Gary divorced, Brook and Sheila spent a few more years in PC and then moved to Brianhead, UT with a brief 6 month stay in Springdale, UT. Sheila was the food and beverage director for Brianhead Resort in the mid 90's. While in Brianhead, Sheila expanded her horizons and became an EMT, volunteer firefighter, and worked for the town of Brianhead. While in Brianhead, Sheila met Joe Hudecek, they spent 7 wonderful and crazy years together and decades as best friends. Joe brought 2 step daughters into Sheila life, Amanda Hunter and Nicole Byl these 2 girls brought even more joy and love to Sheila's big heart.

In 1997, Brook gave Sheila her first grandson Haven Kyle Gower, and then her second, Janzen Robert Gower in 1999. This made Sheila 'Memaw', a job she loved more than life itself. Later down the line, Amanda also blessed Sheila with 2 grandsons, Braxton John Hunter and Landin George Hunter. In 2012, Brook extended her family and added 2 beautiful granddaughters for Memaw to love, Makysa and Maklayne Christy. Memaw's final grandchild came into the family about a year later through the boys. He was a foster child who immediately became family, Josh Mccarthy. Sheila always considered Kyle Gower and his family her family even after he and Brook divorced. Ryan Christy was all so a huge part of her family and she was beyond grateful for his love for Brook and all of Sheila's grand babies.

Sheila always loved life and living it to the extreme and fullest. She loved cooking, Harleys, hiking, camping, river rafting, skiing, live music, helping others, but most of all her family, blood or not. Sheila was mom to so many, Memaw to the masses, and a friend to all. Sheila got sick in September of 1997, and had been fighting ever since until her valiant battle finally ended on

November 14, 2016. She was an inspiration to all who knew her and one hell of a good time.

Sheila is preceded in death by: her mother Betty Jane Wilson, father Virgil Wilson, father Robert Cawley, ex-husband Gary Loritz, brother-in-law David Loritz, mother-in-law Lee Loritz, mother and father-in-law Mary Jane and Robert Hudecek, and mother and father-in-law Jones. Sheila is survived by: daughter Brook Gower (Ryan Christy) of Cedar City, UT, sister Barbra Cawley of Marietta, GA, brother Joe Cawley, step son Gordy Loritz of Park City, UT, step daughter Amanda Hunter (Shane) of Cedar City, UT, step daughter Nicole Byl (Matt) of Paragonah, UT, grandsons Haven and Janzen Gower of Cedar City, UT, granddaughters Makysa and Maklayne Christy of Cedar city UT, grandsons Braxton and Landin Hunter of Cedar City, UT, grandson Josh Mccarthy of Cedar City, UT, ex-husband LRay Jones of OR, Joseph Hudecek of Paragonah, UT, sister in law Kathy Loritz (Ed) of Holiday, UT, son-in-law Kyle Gower of Cedar City, UT, hundreds of close friends she called family, and dozens of teenagers who called her Memaw.

Brook and family would like to thank Brookdale in Cedar City, UT for their amazing care and love for my mom Shelia during her time there. You are all truly wonderful and have become an extended part of our family.

There will be 2 celebrations of life for Sheila. The first will be on December 3rd from 4pm to 9pm in Brianhead, UT at the fire station located at: 535 South Vasels Road, Brian Head, UT, 84719. If you would like to make accommodation to stay the night in Brianhead, please contact Brook at: 435-233-8536 for a list of places. The second celebration will be held in Park City, UT on March 11th. Place and time will be announced at a later date.

Remember this is a celebration not a mourning and purple is a must! In lieu of

flowers, please make donations to the go fund me account at: <https://www.gofundme.com/sheila-loritz-memorial-fund> or mail to: 371 West 1150 South, Cedar City, UT, 84720.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Fire Station at Brianhead
535 South Vasels Road
Brian Head, UT 84719

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Jenny Pinder lit a candle in memory of Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz*



Jenny pinder - November 28, 2016 at 02:58 PM

LS

“ *Lizzi Eiriksson Sharp lit a candle in memory of Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz*



lizzi Eiriksson Sharp - November 28, 2016 at 01:32 PM

DC

“ *Met Sheila when she worked at Treasure Mountain Inn, 1972. I've always considered her the first friend I met in Park City. I knew El Ray, Gary, Al, Joe, stories of her Dad that was an Airline Pilot on Air Force One, and all of her medical issues since she collapsed at Brooke's wedding in Cedar City, 1998? Condolences to all in the Family, I'm glad that she's finally out of pain, may you Rest in Peace my Friend!*
Dan Christians

Dan Christians - November 28, 2016 at 11:18 AM

GB

“ I have some fond memories of Sheila. We met at Kolob Care & Rehabilitation I May 2014. I had a bunch of puzzles to put together & Sheila was always there to help put the puzzles together. She became my best friend while there. I will miss Sheila's smile & her friendship!

Ginger Bright - November 26, 2016 at 03:22 PM

GB

“ Ginger Bright sent a virtual gift in memory of Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz



Ginger Bright - November 26, 2016 at 03:07 PM

GB

“ Ginger Bright lit a candle in memory of Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz



Ginger Bright - November 26, 2016 at 03:05 PM

ME

“ Melody lit a candle in memory of Sheila Lynn Wilson Jones Loritz



Melody - November 23, 2016 at 10:10 AM