

## IN MEMORIAM

### SHARON A. LONG (1940 - 2017)



A lifelong resident of Laramie, Sharon Anne Long, age 76, passed away June 17, 2017 in Reno, Nevada. She was born on June 25, 1940 in Boulder, Colorado to Veldon and Wilburta Long. She graduated from Laramie Senior High School and attended the University of Wyoming. At age 40, she earned her degree in Art and Anthropology from UW.

She was a loving person who treasured her numerous friends and family, including her work family. Sharon was generous and giving of her time and talents. Sharon had many passions, most important being her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandson. With many creative talents as an artist, Sharon enjoyed sculpting, taxidermy, and archaeology. She traveled extensively to many parts of the world that influenced her for a lifetime. Above all else, having been a single parent was her greatest source of pride. Her daughters were the love of her life.

As an expert in forensic facial reconstruction, Sharon was featured in many documentaries including: NPR, The Discovery Channel, National Geographic Explorer TV, History Channel, NOVA, PBS, BBC and Canadian Broadcasting. She also appeared on America's Most Wanted. Her work was published in newspapers, magazines, scientific and national publications, journals, and textbooks. Sharon's facial reconstructions were highlighted on the covers of Newsweek, Discovering Archaeology and Maclean's magazines. She lectured to civic organizations, museums, and schools. Her anthropology and forensic facial re-creations are on still on display in numerous museums.

Sharon served as a volunteer for the Laramie Jubilee Days committee, acting as parade chairman for many years. She was also on the board of directors. Sharon was a proud member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She was a member in the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists (WAPA), The Mountain-Desert-Coastal Forensic Association, and belonged to various anthropological organizations. In June 2016 she reluctantly retired from SHPO (WY State Historic Preservation Office) in Laramie, leaving her legacy of the "cupcake-queen-office-mom" behind. She then moved to Reno to be close to her daughter's family. Sharon is survived by daughters, Dawn Keefe Duff and husband, Nathaniel of Kailua, HI, and Diana Keefe Adams and husband, Mark of Reno, NV; grandchildren, Hans Keefe-Larsen, Joshua Berreman, and Alison Berreman and husband, Alexander Hess-Johnson; and great-grandson, Kingsley Elis Berreman and his mother, Skye Perez. Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Veldon O. and Wilburta Long; brothers, Terrill H. Long and Gilbert V. Long; and her sister, Diane Elayne Long. Cremation will take place in Reno, Nevada. A celebration of life is planned in Laramie for her birthday next year, June 2018. Contributions in her name to your local SPCA or animal rescue would be most meaningful.

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