

## Kathryn L. Klein 1937-2021



Kathy Klein of Lander, WY passed away at SageWest Hospital on Aug. 29, 2021. She was 83 and born in Detroit Michigan to Karl F. Klein and Ruth (Zimmer) Klein.

She graduated from Dearborn High School in Dearborn, Mich. She received her B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1960. From 1960-1965, she taught Physical Education at high schools in Ann Arbor, East Grand Rapids and Montague, Mich. She received her M.S. from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, in 1966 and was an instructor at University of Colorado, boulder. In 1971, Kathy graduated with her Ph.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles. After graduation, Kathy was a teaching assistant in Physical Education at USC. From 1971-1990, Kathy was Assistant Professor of Health, Science and Physical Education at Sonoma State College, CA. She retired as Assoc. Professor Emeritus at Sonoma State in 1990.

After Kathy retired from Sonoma State, she returned to Lander where she lived life to its fullest. She helped out several local ranches which always reminded her of times spent in Kansas helping her grandparents, aunt and uncle and various cousins working on the farm. She loved working cattle on her beloved horse, Breezy. She spent as much time as she could in the mountains on her horse, always with one of her dogs as company. She went on many wonderful trips and working projects with the Wind River Backcountry Horsemen. Kathy was an avid archaeologist, working at sites all over Wyoming and South Dakota. She had a keen eye for finding artifacts which were cataloged and placed with various archaeology societies. She, along with some other Fremont County locals, found an extremely rare petroglyph in the Lander area.

Kathy loved sports of all kinds! Some of her accomplishments were high school girls basketball and swimming. She coached Women's Ski Team, Women's Fencing Team and Women's Archery Team at the University of Colorado. She coached the Women's Swimming Team and was the Women's Golf coach at USC at Sonoma State. She coached the Women's Competitive Swim Club and coached the Sonoma State's Women's Softball Team to the 1983 NCAA regionals. She was involved in helping to produce synchronized swimming clubs in two high schools and at the University of Washington. She was a certified life guard and a scrub instructor. Kathy attended the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in the summer of 1977, taking an Outdoor Education Leadership course and again in 1979 doing a Special Seminar in Advanced Skills (teaching fly fishing). Kathy both raised and raced sled dogs and participated in races in the Pacific Northwest and Wyoming. She was involved in the Pedigree Stage Stop Dog Sled Race.

Kathy was a member of several organizations. She was a lifetime member of the Fremont County Pioneer Association, the National Polar Bears Club, Wind River Back Country Horsemen, Friends of South Pass, the NRA, Audubon Society, Trout Unlimited, Fremont County Archaeological Society and the Wyoming Archaeological Society, just to name a few. She was also a volunteer for the BLM on various trail projects.

Kathy was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Lander in 2015 and enjoyed her church family and her weekly Bible studies. She made many life-long friends in her various walks of life and always had her wonderful memories of those times with them, wherever they were. She loved her pet family

more than anything and always had a story about Shadow, Sunny, Sadie, Heidi and Breezy. Kathy will be missed by all who knew her, friends and family alike.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials in

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her name may be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Lander, Wy or the Lander Pet Connection.

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