

***Neela Jo Beardsley***  
***December 2, 1965 — August 20, 2025***



Neela Beardsley, of Newcastle, passed away on August 20, 2025, in Newcastle at the age of 59.

Neela was born December 2, 1965, to Neil and Darlene Beardsley. She attended school in Newcastle, graduating in 1984, attended college in Torrington for one year then returned to Newcastle. She held a few jobs, but managing a bookstore and then caring for dogs were her favorites. She devoted this last twenty plus years as shelter manager for the Weston County Humane Society. In conjunction with the

Honor Camp, she established a program working with inmates to train dogs which is still successful.

Neela is survived by her sisters: Chris Beardsley, Marge Sturgis, Sandy (Dave) Upton, and Joyce (Dale) Niswender. Her nephews: Travis (Margie) Upton and their family, Dustin (Brenda) Upton and their families. Her nieces: Janet Sturgis, Ginger (Ron) Anno and their family. Her extended family includes many cousins and friends she held dear.

A casual gathering of family and friends was held August 28, 2025, at Meridian Mortuary.

Condolences may be sent to the family in care of Meridian Mortuary, 111 S. Railway Ave., Newcastle, WY, 82701 or expressions of sympathy may also be made online at [meridianmortuary.com](http://meridianmortuary.com). Memorials may be sent to W.C. Humane Society, P.O. Box 744, Newcastle, WY 82701