



## Bernadette Franco

September 22, 1990 - June 13, 2025

### A Tribute to Bernadette

#### A Life of Love, Strength, and Resilience

Bernadette, where do I even begin? Born on September 22, 1990, she graced this world with a presence so profound that her memory will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew her. Although her life was short, it was filled with boundless promise and unforgettable moments that we will cherish eternally. She was a light in our lives, and her legacy will forever reign.

Bernadette was intelligent, kind, loving, and beautiful—a combination of virtues that made her extraordinary. She loved with every beat of her heart, and the love she shared was priceless. Time spent with her was a treasure beyond measure, her presence a gift that cannot be replaced. She poured her love into her family, cherishing her grandmother, whom she lovingly called "mom," and holding her mother, Loretta Gurule, and her siblings, Eileen and Joey, close to her heart. She shared a special bond with her cousins, who were her first best friends, and her aunties and uncles, with whom she created an endless tapestry of joyful memories.

The bond she shared with her cousins was forged in the laughter of childhood. Together, they played Barbies, battled levels in Super Mario, and celebrated birthdays and holidays. Among their many shared traditions, the Fourth of July held a special place in their hearts. Watching Bernadette's face light up at the sight of fireworks was nothing short of magical, a memory that still brings a bittersweet smile. Her happiness and sense of completeness in those

moments were unmatched, and there was no greater joy than seeing her so radiant.

Bernadette's life was not without challenges. Born with Muscular Dystrophy, doctors predicted she would not live past the age of 16. Bernadette defied those odds with a resilience and strength that inspired everyone around her. She lived and flourished, surpassing every expectation and proving that her spirit was far greater than any obstacle placed in her path. Her determination and attitude were remarkable, leaving those who met her in awe. If you knew Bernadette, you knew a force of nature—unstoppable, unyielding, and full of life.

Despite her condition, Bernadette embraced life with open arms. She refused to let boundaries define her. Together, we shared countless adventures—whether I carried her, pushed her on the swings, or helped her down a slide. Roller-skating, playing, exploring—whatever it was, we did it together. For her, there were no limits. Her joy was infectious, her laughter a melody that lifted spirits. She made every moment special, embracing life as though it could never hold her back.

I am endlessly thankful for every second I had with her. Every adventure we embarked on, every obstacle she overcame, and every smile she shared with me is etched into my soul. Bernadette lived a life of courage, joy, and boundless love. She was more than a sister, cousin, or friend—she was a miracle. Her spirit teaches us to live boldly, to love endlessly, and to appreciate every precious moment.

Bernadette, you are deeply missed. Your laughter, your spirit, your light—they remain with us, guiding us as we carry your memory forward. We will never forget the lessons you taught us, the warmth you gave us, and the love you shared so freely. You will forever be a part of us, a symbol of resilience and unconditional love. Rest in peace, dear Bernadette. You were and always will be one of a kind.

The family and friends of Bernadette are respectfully invited to attend a celebration of her life at 300 Richardson Ave Alamosa CO 81101 at 11AM on

June 26, 2025. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Although I was left out as her sibling, this is cute. She loved her family with her entire heart and soul. And we loved her dearly. We all did.

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**jazzy** - July 01, 2025 at 11:18 PM

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“ I am truly blessed to have got to call bernadette my friend. Though we had are ups and downs she will forever be someone i hold in my heart. There are so many things i learned from bernadette but one of the things i learned is how to have fun and not to be so serious all the time. whether it was dancing in the middle of the street or making an Avril Lavigne Skater Boy music video in her room she always knew how to have fun and she always knew how to bring a smile to my face. Bernadette showed me how to allow myself to be loved and how to love others but she also helped me break out of my comfort zone. I am truly grateful to have known her so many years.

*I will miss you Brenadette you will forever be in my heart*

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**Liz bowers** - June 25, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ I met Bernadette in middle school. I have been friends with her for 28 years, I have lots of memories with her. Bernadette and I were always together, she always had a smile on her face, we shared laughs together. She was a great person and special to me, she was always making friends with her great personality, She was well liked by everybody. Her memories are going to forever be in my heart, she will be missed by a lot of her loved ones thank, you for being in my life .

*Best friends forever in my heart I love you my dear friend. Michelle Gurule*

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**Michelle gurule** - June 25, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ You had a beautiful smile that always lit up the room. I remember spending so much time in middle school together & always being at your house listening to Avril Lavine & all the missions you your mom & I would go on. I'll always cherish the memories of you. Rest Easy Berna



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**Amanda Romer** - June 25, 2025 at 03:28 PM