



Shelia Marie Briggs

August 22, 1959 - April 13, 2024

Shelia Marie Briggs (Smith), 64, known to many in Del Norte, Colorado as “Miss Shelia”, passed away unexpectedly on April 13 th , 2024, at Memorial Central Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Shelia was born to Edward and Alice Smith (of Paonia) in Delta, Colorado on August 22 nd , 1959. A farm-girl and natural born Coloradan, Shelia enjoyed many outdoor activities with her parents and two siblings, Steve and Janelle; including being blessed with her mother’s green thumb. Hometown pride was a part of her youth, as a Paonia student and Eagles cheerleader – spending many a summer’s day at Big Ma’s (her grandmother) practicing.

In 1976, after the birth of her son and divorcing her first son, she began dating the love of her life, John Briggs. As John helped her raise Mike, as his own. Their love continued to grow, and the couple married September 1 st , 1979. Their family grew by two when they welcomed two more children – William in 1981 and Criselle in 1992.

Shelia loved spending time with her husband and kids, especially in the high country. Her admiration for nature and its wildlife was unprecedented and never faded; the butterflies and beautiful wildflowers in the mountains always will remind us of her. Once her youngest was old enough to be home alone, Shelia began working as Teacher’s Assistant for Del Norte Head Start – those children, along with her grandson Karsyn, kept her spirits lifted and her body busy.

Shelia is preceded in death by her parents Ed and Alice Smith, sister-in-law Kathleen Smith, brother-in-law Everett Briggs, father and mother-in-law Willard and Helen Briggs, and nephew Levi Comer.

Shelia is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, John; siblings Steven Smith and Janelle (Bill) Comer; children Michael (Ginger) Vodopich, William

Briggs, and Criselle (Jeremy) Nading; grandson Karsyn Nading; four bonus grandsons (Avery, Alex, John, and Jase); several sisters and brothers-in-law; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

A donation page to help with cost of arrangements and to support the family is available through GoFundMe – under the title “Celebration of Life for Shelia Briggs”. Celebration of Life will be held at a later date; inquiries can be made with her daughter, Criselle.

Tribute Wall

AG

“ I knew Shelia a bit in high school but got to know her better when she was dating my brother John. She was always prepared and had Mike in his jammies before leaving to go out. That way she didn't have to wake him up to put him to bed when they got home.
That has stuck in my memories all these years.

Anna Briggs Gannon - April 22, 2024 at 09:30 PM

BD

I did not get to know Sheila until after she started dating my brother John. But her son Mike stole my heart immediately. Every time I went out he would run up to me and hug my legs saying he loved his Aunt Becky. It so hard for me to comprehend that she is gone.

Becky Datson - April 22, 2024 at 09:43 PM



Sheila's mom and my dad were cousins, so I knew her as a child. My sympathy to all of her family.

Debbie Miller - April 22, 2024 at 10:21 PM

MR

I got to know Shelia when she worked with me at Del Norte Head Start. She would always show up to work with a great big smile on her face. She would bring joy to all the children's faces they would always be calling out to Miss Shelia when ever they needed her help in one way or another. My fondest memory of Shelia working with me would she would come up to me on her break and ask me can I walk across the street and take a quick smoke. I told her those are going to be the death of you Shelia and she would laugh and say I know. And she would walk across the street and you could see her puffing away. When she would come back I would ask her feel better and she would laugh and say like a million bucks. We would both laugh and get back to work. I will sure miss M. Shelia RIP

Margaret Renner - April 22, 2024 at 10:44 PM

KF

Shelia was a great friend and more like a sister. I got to know her when she and John started dating. When they married her sister Janelle and I became great friends. Throughout the years we alot of fun and good times doing ordinary things. I could wrote a book on all the good times. She will be forever missed but never forgotten and live on in our hearts.

Kathrine Ferrier - April 23, 2024 at 10:16 AM

SK

Shelia was not just a sister-in-sister. She was a friend . She was a beautiful person. Shelia you will be missed. I miss you.

Sue Koch - April 23, 2024 at 01:05 PM



Aunt Shelia was there for me when I felt abandoned!! She helped me to start to raise my son and she helped me learn how to be a good Mom!! She was an amazing lady, possibly the kindest soul I have ever known!! Her son Mike and I had many adventures together!!! She is missed!!!!

Trina Raymond-Baker - April 23, 2024 at 11:09 PM