



Twila Joan Shoaf

September 12, 1935 - September 15, 2020

Hawks was born to Orville and Louise Hawks in Goodland, Kansas. Twila and her brother, Dennis L Hawks were born and raised in Goodland. The family moved to Stone City, Colorado, when she was a teenager, in 1949. The family was forced to move back to Goodland, Kansas in May of 1951 and she graduated from Goodland High School in 1953. Twila's heart was always in Stone City, CO where she had several close friends and family. By no surprise, the day after she graduated from high school, she moved back to Stone City, Colorado driving her 1935 Chevy. Where her father owned his own trucking company hauling clay out of the clay mines in Stone City, Colorado. Twila began working at St. Joseph Hospital in Florence, Colorado as a CNA and X-Ray technician. That is where she met Jason Smith and they eloped in 1954 to Raton, New Mexico. They were blessed with 5 children, Roland Smith, Charlie Smith, Steve Smith, Dave Smith, and Barbara Smith-Roderick. She welcomed and loved many children in her home, which included her nephews John, Denny Lee, and Kevin.

Twila drove a school bus, blocks on the peddles and all. Many of the children she drove still visited with her until she passed.

Twila lived in several areas of Colorado, which included Silverthorne, Ft Collins , Loveland, and Idaho Springs. Even living as far as Gillette, Wyoming. In every town she lived in she found a thrift store or Salvation Army to work and shop for the good deals.

Her love to socialize took her to the annual Apple Day Parade, which brought

her back to her high school sweetheart Robert Shoaf. They rekindled and were married in 1994. They remained married until Robert passed on May 13, 2011.

Bob and Twila enjoyed showing classic cars and made many friends traveling to the Good Guy Shows, and to the National Street Rod Association shows. They also attended many local shows in the area where they enjoyed showing cars and visiting with their collection of many friends. Twila loved to race the young kids in her 1965 Chevy Impala from stop light start line. Many offers came for her to sell her beloved car with the price of marrying her, she kept the car.

Twila had a love for life and knew no strangers. After Bob passed she traveled around the country to bull riding events with the Miniature Bull Riding series. Twila liked to be in the middle of the action at the Junior World Finals events and any rodeo with her children. She was known by all from Louisiana to California as "Grandma." She loved the many hugs from all the miniature bull riders. She was known and loved by all in the rodeo community.

Twila enjoyed attending the lunches and parties at the Senior Citizen Center in Penrose and Florence, where she looked forward to visiting with her many friends. Twila was a member of the Florence Elks and enjoyed watching her Broncos with them at the Elks Lodge.

As her health declined she moved to the Florence Care home where she rekindled old friendships.

Twila's zest for life always made her the life of the party. Her quick wit would often stop the wittiest in their tracks with shock and awe. Because of this she will be missed by many.

Twila was preceded in death by her husband Bob, parents Orville and Louise, and brother Dennis.

Twila is survived by her children Roland (Georgie) of New Mexico. Charlie (Eva Jean) of Penrose, Steve (Betty) of Penrose, Dave (Stephanie) of Wetmore, Barbara (Tony) of Vermont and stepchildren Danny, Kara, and Bobby along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews,

and many friends.

Celebration of life will be Saturday September 19, 2020 at Pathfinder Park Arena in Florence at 10:00 AM. A dinner will follow at the Elks Lodge in Florence. Please visit romerofuneralhomes.com to leave online condolences. Arrangements are in care of Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Cemetery Details

Penrose Cemetery

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Pathfinder Park Arena

Tribute Wall



“ *Twila Joan Shoaf*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *I remember Twila from my childhood. Our families would get together every once in a while. I would like to send condolences to the family as you deal with the lost of your loved one. Roland, Chuck, Steve, Dave and Barbara. Your mother was a lady of funniness as I recall as a kid. Prayers for the family 🙏*

Bonnie (States) Curtis - September 21, 2020 at 01:41 AM



“ *Dear Twilla, sweet little lady who always made me feel appreciated at work, I will miss you. You never knew a stranger, and you took to me easily as you took to everyone else. I am so thankful I saw you for half an hour just a few days before you left us. We talked and I helped you around your bedroom, as your knee was so painful. You loved your late husband very much and over the months you stayed at Florence Care Home, we talked a lot about his Catholic faith and how you would have loved to join the Church too. You kept a rosary and listened to EWTN sometimes. I'm sure Jesus showed you the way to His Heart. Good tidings, my little friend with a huge heart, keep an eye on all your loved ones who miss you so much.
Gabrielle*

Gabrielle - September 19, 2020 at 05:39 PM

TN

“ Twila was a nice and funny person. I enjoyed her company while watching Bronco games at the Florence Elks lodge. She will be missed.



Terri Norton - September 19, 2020 at 11:03 AM

FJ

“ A Jewel here on earth now a jewel in heaven. I remember meeting her in Jonesville Louisiana the summer of 2012 at a MBR bull riding. I never knew her name until reading this I always just called her girlfriend. What a sweet lady. My thoughts and prayers are with Roland and his family.

Fletcher Jowers - September 17, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JA

The Aldrich family will most fondly remember Grandma as the good luck charm at rodeos. Having three bull riding sons it was always a tradition to give her a hug before they rode. She is now in heaven as a guardian angel to all bull riders. A great lady that surely will be missed.
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Jayne Aldrich - September 17, 2020 at 10:17 PM

CS

Howard and I send our condolences to Twila's family. She was a very witty, fun lady to be around. Looks like she had great adventures in her life and lots of love. She'll be missed at family functions. Hugs to everyone. Caren & Howard Stephens

Caren Stephens - September 17, 2020 at 11:37 PM

GS

Deepest sympathy and prayers to the family.
Steve & Glenda Shannon

Glenda Shannon - September 18, 2020 at 12:33 AM

JS

My heart breaks, she was truly loved and will be missed.

Jackye Sterling - September 18, 2020 at 10:23 AM