



Gone But Never Forgotten

Tracy Lynn French, 57, of Sheridan, Wyoming, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on June 30, 2025, after a courageous 38-year battle with kidney disease. Tracy was born on August 7th, 1967, in Farmington, New Mexico, to Rex and Vickie Henderson. Shortly after Tracy's middle sister, Tana, was born, Vickie and the girls moved to Gillette, Wyoming, where Vickie married Joe Knapp, and he adopted the girls. Later, she would welcome two additional siblings, Toby and Greta. At the age of 8, the family moved to Sheridan, Wyoming. As the oldest of the kids, she naturally fell into the role of protector and entertainer. Making sure the other kids were happy and laughing, she put on skits and dance routines that they would all do for the family every chance they could. Coming from a musical family, her dad and brother taught her to play the drums, and her love of music and dance helped her become a great drummer and cheerleader for 6 years, including 4 years as captain of Sheridan High's varsity cheerleading squads. In 1989, Tracy married the love of her life, Shawn French, and for 36 years they lived, laughed, and loved their way through countless medical adversities. Even though she had endured 2 heart attacks, 3 kidney transplants, and numerous other medical procedures, Tracy was able to enjoy her passions of music, jewelry making, drawing, painting, photography, rock hounding, camping, and fishing. Tracy was an avid outdoor enthusiast and was completely in love with the Big Horn Mountains, and she spent every opportunity she had to camp with her family. Her other love in life was her dogs. Tracy had several breeds over the years, but Shih Tzu were her absolute favorite. For the last 7 years, her four-legged bodyguard Squiggles has been by her side and was with her all the way to the end. Tracy loved the beauty of nature. Whether it was capturing it with a camera, planting flowers in the yard, or just a quiet walk through the forest, she always found her peace in the beauty of the natural world. At the end of her journey, Tracy made the incredibly brave choice to stop all medical treatment and live out the rest of her life on her terms, free from being tied to a medical diagnosis. She lived the last 3 months enjoying trips to the mountains, the dinosaur museum in Thermopolis, planting flowers in her yard, and of course being surrounded with puppy love from Squiggles, Bubbles, Charlie, Louie, and the late Toki, who is with her now. Tracy Lynn French was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Vickie Knapp, and her son, Steven Andrew French. She is survived by her husband, Shawn; sons, Paul Sheldon French (Krystle) and Erik Konkel; sisters, Greta Knapp and Tana Hurlbert; brother, Toby Knapp (Marge); niece, Sydney Knapp; nephews, Jillian Knapp and Jacob French (Tonjua); and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Celebrating The Life Of Tracy Lynn French



August 7, 1967 - June 30, 2025



Before us ... is a mighty warrior with the heart of a lion
 Fearless in her resolve and with unbreakable nerves
 Tracy was a fighter that did not know how to quit
 She stood strong against all that life could serve

Before us... is a magician possessing powers we never knew
 Always able to pull an ace that was hidden in her sleeve
 All her life forced to dance on the razors edge of a knife
 She always made medical comebacks one couldn't believe

Before us... is a light burning bright like a thousand suns
 Chasing away the shadows so others would not fall
 With her spirit shining she lived giving herself completely
 Always being her true self never afraid to stand tall

Before us now... memories of a lifetime full of laughter and love
 Before us now... a chance to open our souls to the world without fear
 Before us now... a chance to see the beauty of the world, and be in awe
 Before us now... a chance to listen, to be able to hear others in the clear
 Before me... was the chance of a lifetime, to grab a shooting star

I did not hesitate to kneel and lay my heart at the foot of your dress
 Taking my hand with unconditional love you bound our souls together
 And if I could do it again, the answer is a thousand times over, yes!

Reaching through the tears I will always look for you in the stars
 Forever your love, Shawn

In Loving Memory Of Tracy Lynn French

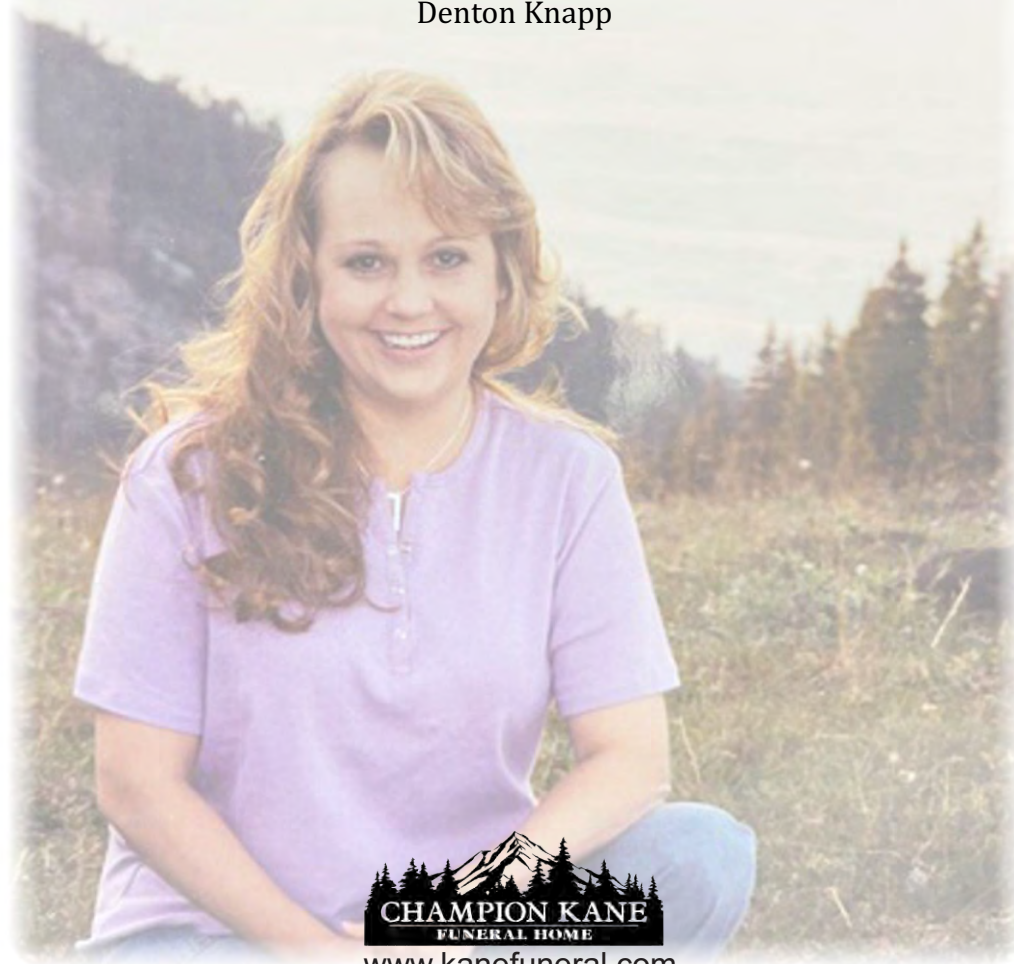
CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Happy Birthday Tracy

Saturday August 9, 2025, from Noon - Two
 Champion Kane Funeral Reception Hall

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Shawn French
 Paul French
 Dwight French
 Jacob French
 Toby Knapp
 Denton Knapp



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