



Rebecca Maureen Novak

June 26, 1964 - March 18, 2025

Rebecca M. Novak, 60, passed away on March 18 in Colorado Springs. At her side were sons Scott and Eric, daughter-in-law Sarah, and her brother Michael. Becky was born June 26, 1964, to parents David J. Novak and Laurel M. Tavenner in Pueblo, who both preceded her in death. She spent her youth in many outdoor activities like camping, Girl Scouts, skiing and family travels. She often mentioned how lucky she was to grow up in Pueblo. She was a graduate of Central High School and was a proud Wildcat, and then attended and graduated from Monmouth College in Illinois and was a proud Fighting Scot. She found her calling in the grant profession, working primarily for hospitals and later for the Federal Government. Her career took her from Colorado to Illinois, Oregon, and Wisconsin. Ultimately, her soul led her home to Colorado, where she spent her final years. Becky will be remembered for the deep passion with which she immersed herself in her hobbies. She started boxing for exercise, which led to her fighting competitively and later serving for years as a referee and judge for USA Boxing. She grew to find fly fishing therapeutic, but beyond just buying her own equipment, she started to tie her own flies. She found companionship with her foster greyhounds, and became an active supporter of Colorado Greyhound Rescue and of her local greyhound club. She was an avid Broncos, Nuggets, and Avalanche fan, and during her tenure in Colorado Springs she became an enthusiastic Switchbacks soccer fan. She enjoyed hiking and mountain drives, and cherished trips to Cripple Creek with her

sister-in-law Idelle. Above all else, she was a committed, loving, inspiring family person who adored her sons, daughters-in-law, and most of all her grandchildren. Nothing brought her more joy than watching the youngest generation take part in all of their activities. Her commitment was evident most recently when she traveled to Illinois in the midst of cancer treatment to see her granddaughter's Nutcracker ballet and her grandson's basketball game. Becky also deeply cherished the relationships she had with her brothers, which were never stronger than during her final years. She is survived by sons Scott Hultgren (Stephanie) and Eric Hultgren (Sarah); grandchildren Owen, Evelyn, Apollonia, and soon-to-be Emiliano; siblings Michael (Kathi) and Patrick (Idelle); and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to consider a contribution to one of the causes she found most life-changing: Colorado Greyhound Adoption or Casting for Recovery

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel
1706 Roselawn Rd
Pueblo, CO 81006

Tribute Wall

MT

“ *Becky was a Little Sister with my late wife Nadine in the SigEp fraternity at Monmouth College. We all bonded as student athletes. Both were always happy and didn't put up with much from others. We saw her a couple times ? at homecoming. So glad she had a great life-my thoughts and prayers to her family and friends; life is fragile and short. Be thankful for the mentors. Nadine also passed when she was 60; so I know. Mark Thorn.*

Mark Thorn - September 17, 2025 at 05:20 PM

MS

“ *Rebecca was an Illinois Master Gardener that I was fortunate to get to know when I taught. Living in Monmouth, I got to know her better. Rest in peace my friend.*

Martha Smith - March 24, 2025 at 01:49 PM

CB

“ *I'll always remember Becky with so much gratitude, thinking about the year I first came to Central High School. I was shy, scared and struggling with my parents' fresh and painful divorce and now overwhelmed at a new school without any friends. Becky was one of the very first people to talk to me, take me under her wing and call me a friend. My very first day I had her to sit with in that big scary cafeteria at lunch time, and for the rest of the year. She made a huge difference in the life of a very scared little girl with just that one, of her very many, kindnesses.*

I love you Becky!

Cissy Brubaker

Cecelia Brubaker - March 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM

DJ

“ We always tried to get together when she was in Peoria. Rebecca was like no other. She will always have a special place in my heart. Thoughts and prayers are with the boys and family. Don Johnson

Don Johnson - March 21, 2025 at 12:29 PM

MA

“ I met Becky in the 6th grade and she was a wonderful friend and an amazing woman. She rescued me a few years ago when I was visiting Colorado without hesitating. She was so kind and loving. I will miss her terribly. Rest in peace my sweet friend.

Marianne - March 20, 2025 at 05:56 PM

LG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lori Gallegos - March 20, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LG

“ I first met Becky post-breast cancer and loved spending time with her at our monthly get togethers. We wound up doing Casting for Recovery together - we had so much fun and found a love for fly fishing. I've always thought Becky was such a great person! She threw herself into everything she did and I admired that. I'm going to miss her. My prayers go out to all of her family - she loved y'all so much! She always lit up talking about her sons and grandkids.

lori Gallegos - March 20, 2025 at 03:39 PM

CM

“ Rebecca was part of the Oregon LBC for several years, she was a great official and cared about the young athletes and extended Boxing family as we like to call it. On behalf of the entire LBC of Oregon we extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to the family.

coach Miller - March 20, 2025 at 02:50 PM

LV

“ So many memories of Becky, who always had a sweet, sunny smile and shared many laughs. We grew up together attending St. Paul Methodist Church and saw each other weekly at Sunday school, church services, children's choir, and youth group. Many additional fond memories of her attending Columbine Council Girl Scout events including summer camp at Lazy Acres with us. May her positive attitude and spirit of community service live on.

LeeAnn Vincent - March 20, 2025 at 01:17 PM