

# Rita Y. "Vonnie" Elliott

May 29, 1954-October 28, 2000

Services for Rita Y. "Vonnie" Elliott, 46, will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. at First Christian Church, 95 - 19th Street, in Wheatland with Pastor Paul Ward of the Covenant Lutheran Church officiating. Interment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Vonnie died Saturday, Oct. 28, at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver.

Vonnie was born May 29, 1954, in Cripple Creek, Colo., the daughter of Ed and Rhett Marlene (Allen) Roy Sr. She was reared and educated in the Denver area, graduating from Arvada West High School. Vonnie married Ronald Elliott in Arvada on Oct. 20, 1973. They lived in California while Ron was in the Navy and returned to Arvada on Oct. 20, 1973.

They lived in California while Ron was in the Navy and returned to Arvada in 1975. In January 1979, they moved to Wheatland, Vonnie began working for Project SAFE in the early 1980's and was co-director when she left that position to return to school in 1993. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in June of 1996 with a bachelor of science in psychology and from Denver University in June of 1998 with a Masters of Social Work.

Vonnie began her career as a licensed clinical social worker with Southeast Wyoming Mental Health, Platte County Branch in Wheatland immediately after graduation in 1998; and, was employed with a group called "Special Friends". She was a member of the National Association of So-

cial Workers. Vonnie enjoyed reading, cross-stitch, camping and fishing with her husband, spending time with family, and enjoying her grandchildren.

Vonnie is survived by her husband, Ron of Wheatland; daughter, Jenny Wells of Green River; parents, Ed Roy Sr. of Victor, Colo. and Marlene Allen of Lakewood, Colo.; five brothers, Ed Roy Jr. of Arvada, Steven Sheats of Henderson, Colo., Mickey Roy of Texas, Mark Roy and Paul Roy both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two grandchildren, Joslynn Marie Wells and Joseph Lee "LJ" Wells Jr. both of Green River.

She was preceded in death by a son, Brandon D. Elliott on Oct. 8, 1994.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ed Roy Jr., Steven Sheats, Mickey Roy, Paul Roy and Joe Wells. Honorary pallbearers will be Brenda Allen, Judy Wickam and Skip Whipple.

Memorials to Southeast Wyoming Mental Health, Platte County Branch, P.O. Box 1078, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

There will be no visitation.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland is in charge of the arrangements.