



## Kathleen Bride Grooms

May 30, 1944 - August 19, 2017

Kathleen “Kathie” Bride Grooms of Green River, Wyoming, passed away on August 19, 2017, in Clearfield, Utah, after a prolonged illness. She was born in May 30, 1944 in Yankton, SD, to Joseph and Helen (Schneider) Bride. Kathie was the youngest of five siblings; the late Patricia Kreber (and her late husband Jim); Joseph Bride (and his wife Jeanne), Larry Bride (and his wife Rochelle), and David Bride (and his wife Doris.) Her son, Burke James, was born in 1981 in Green River.

Kathie grew up on a farm and attended country school. She later moved to Yankton, South Dakota and graduated with honors from Yankton High School in 1962. She had a beautiful voice and loved music. She received a Bachelor Degree in Education from Southern State Teachers’ College (South Dakota) in 1966. She taught in several places including the Rosebud Indian Reservation in Rosebud, South Dakota, at Winnebago, Nebraska, and later accepted a position teaching 5th and 6th graders at Monroe Elementary, in Green River, WY, where she taught until her retirement in 2007.

Mrs. Grooms was a beloved teacher, touching the lives of her students and leaving lasting impressions upon them in her 28 years in Green River. She was known for her humor, her kindness, and her ability to inspire her students to achieve more than they thought they could. Her voice could often be heard booming over Wolves Stadium, announcing many middle and high school track meets. She also enjoyed leading students in musicals at Monroe Elementary. Her friends enjoyed her delightful sense of humor and Kathie’s love of correct language/grammar. Her friends believe “All of Heaven is now laughing and speaking properly with her there.”

She leaves behind her son, Burke James Grooms, and step-children Shane Grooms, Sonya Grooms, and Melissa Rios, her brothers, Joe Bride and Dave Bride, and numerous cousins, in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Burke was the joy in her life. He helped care for her when she was ill. They enjoyed watching sports together and sharing favorite movies.

The family would like to thank Rocky Mountain Care Center in Clearfield for all of their

care and concern. The employees were wonderful! Thanks to friends for visiting with her and helping her while she was ill.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).

# Comments

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“ I loved my cousin Kathie, She was only 4 years older then me and loved to laugh at her jokes. She was fun loving and jolly. Her mom was my favorite aunt and teacher in Lakeport school in Yankton, SD. Waited tables when she got married the first time. She and all her brothers and sister became teachers and were all unique in their own way. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her laugh. Be at peace, dear cousin.

**Monica Gleich-Haas** - January 26, 2018 at 12:41 PM

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“ Kathy Bride Grooms was my student at YHS in my choral groups I remember her very well. She had a great talent and singing voice. She was one of my leaders. So sorry that she is gone. Forrest Conrad

**Forrest Conrad** - September 28, 2017 at 04:33 PM

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“ I enjoyed getting to know Kathy while at Monroe. Even though she wasn't feeling well, she continued to be there for the kids. She was a wonderful teacher, and an inspiration to many colleagues! Thinking about you and your family, B.J.!

Diana Barnett

**Diana Barnett** - September 20, 2017 at 07:09 PM

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“ She was my friend and taught my children! She had a sense of humor that was much appreciated. I grew up in Clearfield! Hopefully friends cared for her!

**carol Kelsey** - September 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM