



## Addie Lea Haynes

May 4, 1981 - February 22, 2026

### Obituary - Addie Haynes

Addie Lea (Knowlton) Haynes (44), of Los Lunas, NM, passed away on Sunday night, February 22nd after a 4-year battle with brain cancer. Addie was at home surrounded by her beloved family. Born on May 4, 1981 to Bryce and Ronda Knowlton of Boone, CO, Addie was the Knowlton family's first child. She eventually became the oldest sister to five younger Knowlton siblings. She grew up with her family in southeastern Colorado on a working cattle ranch in White Rock (between La Junta, CO and Walsenburg, CO). Addie always had a love for horses, cattle, and the country way of life. As a child and teen, Addie was actively involved in rodeo and enjoyed everything from barrel racing to breakaway roping. She was the Colorado High School Rodeo Queen for two years and won 2nd runner-up to the National High School Rodeo Queen. After graduation, Addie attended Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, CO and Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins, CO, where she earned her bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism. Addie was known for her beauty, wit, intelligence and cowgirl spirit. She won the title of Miss Rodeo Colorado 2002 and went on to win the second runner-up at the Miss Rodeo America competition, claiming a win in the Horsemanship category. Her many ventures through the state and the nation led her to meet the love of her life, Aaron Haynes, who was living in Greeley, while Addie was at CSU. The two had many fun times together with friends in Greeley and Fort Collins. Their young romance was the beginning of long-lasting love. After

college, Addie pursued a career in television journalism that took her to Grand Island, NE, where she reported local news. She and Aaron maintained their long-distance relationship, until Addie received a promotion to be a reporter in Albuquerque, NM, near Aaron's hometown of Los Lunas. Aaron and Addie were married in 2007. They settled in Los Lunas and started their family a few years later. They had four children together, who began riding and roping at early ages. The Haynes kids are very involved in team roping, high school rodeo, and local rodeo events. Aaron and Addie started Haynes Cattle Company (HCC), to raise and distribute grass-fed beef. The business was quite successful, but has been on hiatus during the recent years of Addie's illness. Addie's top priorities were living for God and serving her family. She will always be remembered as a wonderful wife and mother, who lived her life sharing the joy of the Lord. Addie is survived by her: husband, Aaron Haynes of Los Lunas, NM; children, Holt Haynes (16), Haxton Haynes (14), Hazel Haynes (12), and Hardy Haynes (9) of Los Lunas New Mexico; mother, Ronda Knowlton of Amarillo, TX; sister, Tressie (Clint) Gershenson of Thornton, CO; sister, Cassie (Aaron) Yanker of Greeley, CO; brother, Rowe (Larissa) Knowlton of Crook, CO; sister, Liddie (Lane) Oles of Balmorhea, TX; sister, Dovie Knowlton of Fort Collins, CO; mother-in-law, Rozella Haynes of Los Lunas; sister-in-law, Jessica (Bill) Evans of Platteville, CO; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews on both sides of the family. Addie is preceded in death by her: father, Bryce Knowlton; grandparents Burton and Glenda Wright; grandparents, Allen and Melba Knowlton; and great grandparents Glen and Addie Gibson. Addie's Celebration of Life service will be held at Calvary Chapel New Harvest Church in Los Lunas with visitation before and a reception to follow. Date: Saturday, March 7th, 2026 Address: 701 Main St. NE, Suite A, Los Lunas, NM 87031 Visitation: 9:30 a.m. Celebration of Life: 10:00 a.m. If desired, donations can be made to Addie's GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/manage/addie-knowlton-haynes-a-brain-cancer-journey> . A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has sent love, prayers and support to Addie, Aaron and their family over the years.



# Tribute Wall

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Valdez

“ I was blessed to have known Addie back in Colorado. Prayers for her husband Aaron and her beautiful family. Bee Valdez

Bee Valdez - March 10 at 11:16 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences to the extended family of Addie Lea Haynes...



Ken, Shirley Garcia & Family - March 06 at 04:54 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss, Aaron. My thoughts are with you and your family.



Joseph Barta - March 04 at 07:08 PM

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“ So sorry for the loss of such a beautiful young lady. I babysat her, Tresse, and Cassie long ago as I grew up next to her Grandma Glenda and Grandpa Burton. Such a great family, I am sorry for her husband, children, Rhonda, and her siblings. God bless you all.

Shannon Bethel - February 26 at 09:39 PM