

Brion Newkirk

**Born in Santa Maria, CA on Jan. 14, 1962
Departed on Feb. 27, 2009 and resided in Windsor, CO.**

Brion Wayne Newkirk, 47, of Windsor, CO, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2009 at Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, CO. He was born January 14, 1962 in Santa Maria, California to John Oliver and Janie Sue (Taylor) Newkirk.

Brion graduated from Greeley Central High School and St. Anthony's Paramedic Program. Brion married Sheila Herbst on August 20, 1983 in Greeley.

He was Fire Chief of Western Hills F.D. until 1997 when he became Lieutenant with the Union Colony F.D. in 2002 and was also employed with Weld County Paramedic Services.

Brion had been a mentor for many people and helped them to get where they are now. He touched everyone that he came in contact with. He was very intelligent and always willing to help. He was a practical joker and was loved and well respected.



Lt. Brion Newkirk
Union Colony Fire Rescue Authority

He is survived by his wife, Sheila Newkirk of Windsor; parents, John & Janie Newkirk of Russellville, KS; daughters, Kristin Michelle Newkirk & boyfriend David Wietlisbach of Hawaii and Kelly Lyn & husband Ferhad David Ayhan of Hawaii; son, Craig Newkirk of Windsor; brothers, Mike Newkirk & wife Priscilla of Costa Rica, Bill Newkirk of Austin, TX and Greg Newkirk of Phoenix, AZ; sisters, Kendra Brauer and husband Sieg of Kearney, NE, Kim Newkirk of Loveland, and Tammy Spencer and husband Gig of Colorado Springs.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents

A funeral services 10 A.M. Wednesday, March 4, 2000 at Union Colony Civic Center. Cremation will be completed.

Update on Brion Newkirk
April 22, 2009

The Weld County Coroner has completed the final portion of the autopsy. The death is being ruled as accidental. The cause of death will be listed as pulmonary hypertension. The pulmonary hypertension was caused by granuloma formations in the pulmonary arteries. The granuloma formations in Brion's pulmonary arteries are most likely caused by one of the medications injected during his surgery, a contaminated IV bag or drip set, or some foreign material that made it into his blood stream around his surgery date.

The Pathologist was unable to determine the substance that caused the granulomas, but he was able to figure out that they became present on or about his surgery date in January. The Pathologist explained that with this type of problem, a patient would have the same signs and symptoms associated with a pulmonary embolism. The Death Certificate will read that this death was work related as a result of his injury.