

Arwood funeral services Wednesday

She touched many lives through wide-ranging interests.

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She preferred to work behind the scenes, so few Puebloans realize how much Kathie Arwood was involved in her community.

Arwood died last week of cancer at age 68. Her funeral service is scheduled at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Heritage Center, 201 W. B St.

The St. Louis native touched a mixture of lives since moving to Pueblo 35 years ago with husband Charles and their children. Ironically, Charles Arwood died on the same date (May 31) in 1992.

"My brothers and I are just realizing that she touched a lot of lives in one way or another," daughter Robin Arwood said Monday, noting her mother's wide-ranging interests.

"We knew her as a mom and not the well-rounded individual that she was. She invested herself completely in everything she

did."

There was the artist in her. A freelance artist early on, Kathie Arwood later worked as an artist in residence for Pueblo City Schools district, dividing her time among three or four elementary schools where she and the students would tile walls in the school.

"Mom liked to work with kids through the arts," Robin Arwood said. "She also worked at the library for five years in the children's areas of the satellites (libraries)."

Kathie Arwood eventually enrolled at Colorado State University-Pueblo where she earned her bachelor's degree in art and anthropology in 1986. In 1987, she was awarded her master's degree.

There was the runner in her. Kathie Arwood was a charter member of Pueblo's Atalanta women's running club in the 1970s and a longtime member of the Southern Colorado Runners Club. Besides helping to conduct various races, she designed and made the pottery awards given to the top place-finishers in



Kathie Arwood

many local races throughout the years.

Besides the kids, Robin Arwood said her mom's main interest was historical archaeology and the many archaeological digs she participated in throughout the Southeastern Colorado region. For nearly a decade she was part of the dig team alongside late CSU-Pueblo professor Bill Buckles and local archaeological society members at the present El Pueblo History Museum site.

She also helped with studies of the Santa Fe Trail and in the Springfield area in Southeastern Colorado during the 1980s and 1990s.

Through it all, Kathie Arwood chose to remain a behind-the-scenes participant, her daughter said.

"Even though she usually preferred to work in the background, she has been a big part of this community and has touched a lot of lives in one way or another," Robin Arwood said.

Kathie Arwood is survived by two grown sons and her daughter.

Dignity Memorial is handling Wednesday's funeral services.

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