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Funeral set for local woman

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Sharon Anderton may have lived among the homeless, but she still was a valued member of the community.

The 55-year-old Loveland resident died last week, and those who knew her are holding a service Monday to say goodbye.

"I loved her to bits," said AnnMarie Arbo, director of the Angel House homeless day center, who knew Anderton for nearly a decade.

"She was loved in the community that she chose to live in."

Anderton, who moved to Loveland from Massachusetts, preferred to be homeless, Arbo said, even after many community members offered to help get her off the streets.

"That was her choice in life," Arbo said.

Though she didn't have a home, Anderton still was involved with the community.

She helped run and clean up the inclement weather shelters and was part of the city's Homeless Task Force meetings.

"She was very helpful in suggestions and offering ideas," Arbo said. "She was proud that she was here" in Loveland.

On May 8, an acquaintance found Anderton dead under a semitrailer near downtown. While her death is not suspicious, the coroner's determination of a cause still is pending the results of toxicology and tissue tests.

Soon, Anderton's body will be sent back to her family in Massachusetts.

But first, Lovelanders are invited to say goodbye during a local service, which will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Christ's Church of the Rockies, 310 N. Cleveland Ave.

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