



Staying with Stacey

“Staying with Stacey” is an intimate photo story that documents the quiet realities of living with long-term illness and the shifting roles within a family. Since 2010, Stacey Sinclair has lived with atypical Parkinson’s disease and Lyme disease—conditions that slowly reshaped the life of a woman once defined by movement, strength, and deep roots in agriculture and rodeo. Formerly a vibrant competitor and titleholder, including Miss Rodeo America and Miss Rodeo Wyoming, she was known as an athlete, horsewoman, mother, and community presence. Today, the story reflects the contrast between who she was and the stillness imposed by illness, honoring both identities with dignity.

At its heart, the project is about care, endurance, and the bond between mother and daughter. The images explore love expressed through routine: helping hands, quiet rooms, moments of fatigue, and moments of connection. Rather than focusing solely on loss, the story highlights resilience and devotion, showing how a family carries one another when life changes course.



With quiet focus, Mike Sinclair carefully changes the catheter tubing and drainage bag for his wife, Stacey Sinclair, as she sits in her accessible shower chair after bathing at their home in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday, May 12, 2025. The intimate moment reflects the daily reality of caregiving in their marriage, shaped by Stacey's ongoing medical challenges.



A pill organizer filled with dozens of capsules and tablets sits on Stacey Sinclair's kitchen counter in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday, May 12, 2025. Divided by day and time, the box represents the constant, structured care required to manage Sinclair's complex health needs.



Sofie Michelle gently steadies Stacey Sinclair as she begins her morning at home in Fort Collins, Colo., Thursday, May 8, 2025. A caregiver and employee at nearby Sunrise Equine, Michelle helps Sinclair with her morning routine and breakfast, a quiet act of compassion before returning to her day job caring for horses.



Stacey Sinclair, center, poses with her parents, Dallas and Viv Talbott, at her cousin Scott's burial site on the family ranch in West Laramie, Wyo., Friday, May 9, 2025. The family gathered for a private dinner and ceremony to lay Scott to rest on the land where he was raised — a quiet farewell rooted in shared history and love.



Eyes closed, Stacey Sinclair lets the warm water cascade down her face as caregiver Brenda, from Pathways Hospice, gently rinses shampoo from her hair during a weekly shower at her home in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday, May 12, 2025. The quiet moment, captured in close detail, reflects the vulnerability and trust woven into end-of-life care.



Rodeo buckles won by Stacey Sinclair including titles from Miss Rodeo Wyoming and Miss Rodeo America rest on a shelf beneath a photo of her waving to the crowd from horseback, taken during her rodeo queen days, at her home in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday, May 12, 2025. The detail shot captures a legacy of grace, grit, and a lifelong connection to the arena.



A panoramic view shows the homestead built by Stacey and Mike Sinclair in Fort Collins, Colo., Wednesday, May 8, 2025. Framed by wide-open sky and quiet strength, the land reflects years of shared labor, resilience, and a life built together through both beauty and hardship.



On Mother's Day, Shelby Sinclair helps her mother, Stacey Sinclair, through her morning routine at home in Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, May 12, 2025. With Stacey unable to manage tasks like brushing her teeth or using mouthwash, Shelby gently steps in — a quiet act of love and care between mother and daughter on a day meant to honor both.



Laundry belonging to Mike Sinclair rests atop medical equipment used to care for his wife, Stacey, in their home in Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, May 12, 2025. A walker, outdoor wheelchair, and transfer device used by visiting caregivers fill the corner of Mike's room, a quiet testament to the blending of routine, sacrifice, and the physical realities of caregiving.



Shelby Sinclair walks beside her mother, Stacey Sinclair, who rides in her outdoor wheelchair as they make their way up the lane on the family farm in Fort Collins, Colo., Sunday, May 12, 2025. The two were headed to visit Stacey's mother-in-law for Mother's Day and plant flowers, a quiet, shared ritual rooted in love, tradition, and the land they call home.



Sofie Michelle, a caregiver from nearby Sunrise Equine, massages Stacey Sinclair's neck at her home in Fort Collins, Colo., Monday, May 13, 2025. Stacey's condition leaves her muscles stiff and her neck difficult to lift, making these gentle moments of care a vital part of her daily comfort and dignity.



Mike and Stacey Sinclair enjoy the start of the summer with a large bonfire at their home in Fort Collins, Colo., Saturday, May 11, 2025. Surrounded by the laughter and company of their children's friends and local neighbors, the couple takes a moment to embrace the warmth of community and the joy of being together, just one day before Mother's Day.