



Betty Yoder

November 22, 1928 - February 20, 2011

Betty Yoder, age 82 of Fort Collins, Colorado, died February 20, 2011 at the Pathways Hospice Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 pm Tuesday, March 1st at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover, Ft. Collins. Her fulfilled wish was to have her body donated for scientific purposes. Mary Elizabeth Ebersole was born on November 22, 1928, in La Junta, CO to Clarence and Ruth Ebersole. She grew up in La Junta and continued her education at Goshen College in Indiana and Wittenberg College in Ohio, earning her degree in music. She had a great love and talent for playing and teaching the piano and organ and did so throughout her life. In June of 1951 Betty married John Yoder in Goshen, IN and they had two children, Cindy and Karl. They lived in Apple Creek and Orrville, Ohio for 30 years where she was a member of the Orrville Music Club; the AAUW; and the Oak Grove Mennonite Church. Betty provided piano lessons to numerous students in Wayne County and was an accompanist for instrumental students at the College of Wooster. In 1986 Betty and John moved to Fort Collins. Betty played for both the First Presbyterian and First Methodist Churches in Fort Collins; was in the choir for many years; and continued to teach private piano lessons. She enjoyed hiking and traveling; reading and participating in book clubs; welcoming new residents to Fort Collins as a member of the Newcomers Club; and spending time with family and friends. Betty is survived by her husband of 60 years, John; two children, Cynthia Morahan (her husband, Tom) of Arvada and Karl Yoder of Canton, Ohio; brother, Robert Ebersole of Archbold, OH; sister, Judy Amstutz of Wheat Ridge, CO; and five grandchildren; Megan Fisher of Wooster, OH, Grant Yoder of Twenty Nine Palms, CA, Caitlin Morahan of Boulder, CO, Morgan Yoder of Dalton, OH and Maddy Morahan of Arvada. She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Mollie Lynn Morahan. It was her wish that any memorial donations please be made to the Sanctuary Choir at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Comments



“ Dear John, Becky & Karl:
We were so sad to read of Betty's passing in the paper this morning. The world will certainly miss her smiling face, her loving ways and her bright smile. Just remember, God only takes the good ones and He certainly got a very good one this time. Love to you all and remember you have our deepest sympathies.

Love,
Bobbi Jo and Jay Lax

Bobbi Jo and Jay Lax - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ John and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of Betty. She was a talented and special lady, and I love the joyful picture of her you chose to share in our local newspaper.
John, it's been many years since we spent a great deal of time together working with children at North School, but I still hold these memories dear. You are very special to me and many others here in Orrville. I hope that it helps a bit to know how much I care.
With much love,
Ruth

Ruth Oswald - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless you as you go through this loss of your wife and mother. You are ever in our thoughts and prayers. Jim and Janet

James Yoder - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy!

I use to sit in mom's apartment and listen to Betty play her piano, it was such a pleasure and it was so obvious how much she loved music.

Every time we met outside, Betty would welcome us with her wonderful smile and heartfelt laughter. I was always invited into your home and enjoyed the conversations we had.

Betty will be missed....

Lucie Tipton - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear John and Family,

Wonderful red hair, warm heart, quick wit, and easy laugh - all gone too soon. Please know that our love surrounds you during this time of of loss. As you celebrate Betty's long life and myriad of contributions, know that she is entertaining angels!

All our love,
Vicki & Don Mykles

Vicki Fogel Mykles - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Betty's death. I pray that God will give you much comfort at this time. My sympathy goes out to John and all the family.

Lois Vloyanter-Pegel - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I have fond memories of Betty and send my condolences to the family. We are still in Mexico for the winter and will return to FC in April

Carol Alford - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM