



## Marjorie Rider

January 21, 1928 - March 25, 2010

Marjorie N. Rider, age 82, of Fort Collins, died March 25, 2010 at her home in Fort Collins. A celebration of life and Catholic Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 30 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 5450 S. Lemay Ave. Fort Collins beginning at 10:30 am. Marge, or Mardie, as she was affectionately known, was born January 21, 1928 on a farm near Longmont, CO to William and Mabel Neighbors. After graduating from Longmont High School she attended the University of Colorado and then taught school at Niwot for two years. In 1948 she met and fell in love with Charles (Chuck) Rider, a relationship that was to last for more than 61 years. They loved to dance from the very beginning. They were married in 1948 and lived in Boulder until 1959. Three of Marge's four children (Nancy, Mike and Craig) were born during this time in Boulder. She and Chuck moved to Colorado Springs in 1959 and then to Lakewood in 1963 during where their youngest daughter (Sarah) was born. In 1968 they returned to Colorado Springs where they lived until 2003 when they moved to Fort Collins to be near their ever growing extended family. Marge was a long time member of Holy Trinity Church in Colorado Springs and joined the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church on her move to Fort Collins. She was an accomplished pianist and played piano for various churches throughout her life. Marge was a homemaker and exceptional seamstress. She welcomed friends and neighbors to her home, not as invited guests but as family. Their home has always been a welcoming place and safe refuge for not only family members but friends of family members. She always had gum drops available for friends and family. Marge and Chuck invited an exchange student from Colombia to live with them in 1975. Tachi Gomez graduated from high school in Colorado Springs and became an important part of the family. Marge and Chuck also enjoyed two trips to visit Tachi and her family in Bogota. Marge truly enjoyed travelling. She and Chuck were able to tour the world visiting many international cities including Rome, Prague, Singapore, London, Mexico City, Athens, Cairo, New Dehli, Sydney and Tauranga. She also loved cruises and enjoyed 13 such voyages with more than 175 nights on board ship. Sports were important to Marge. She loved watching her family compete in athletics and rarely missed any of her children's , or grandchildren's sporting endeavors if she were anywhere near event. She watched her children compete in football, wrestling, gymnastics, dance and track and field during high

school. She especially enjoyed watching her son Craig play football for the University of Texas during which time she became a lifelong, diehard Longhorn fan. In recent years she expanded her sports watching activities as she watched her grandchildren compete in hockey, lacrosse, soccer, cheerleading and wrestling. She cheered for her sons who competed in the state wrestling and football championships and playoffs and later for grandsons who also competed in the state wrestling tournament. Marge and Chuck celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 2008 with a family cruise to the Caribbean. Thirty members of the family enjoyed nearly two weeks at sea. As recently as December 2009 Marge enjoyed another family cruise again to the Caribbean with nearly 40 family members participating. She enjoyed playing bridge having participated in three bridge groups after her move to Fort Collins. They played monthly until just recently when ill health forced Marge to the sidelines. A matriarch in the truest sense of the word, Marge will be missed by her immediate family, her many friends and those to she came in contact with throughout her life. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be missed not only by her immediate family but also by the multitude of people who were part of her extended family. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Chuck, daughters Nancy (Mick) Daniel of Fort Collins, Sarah (Jim) Stewart of Fort Collins, Mike (Diane) Rider of Littleton, and Craig (Christy) Rider of Billings, MT. In addition she is survived by 15 grandchildren, Matt Daniel (Kerry), Brad Daniel (Sarah), Chris Daniel (Alison), Brett (B.J.) James, Meghan Daniel, Nicholas Rider (Vanessa), Elizabeth Rider, Sara Rider, Katie Rider, David Rider (Elizabeth), Anne Elise Rider, Michael Rider, Jenna Stewart, Alexander James (A.J.) Stewart, Tanner Stewart; and six great grandchildren, John Daniel, Gracie Daniel, Ava Daniel, Jacob Daniel, Lily Daniel, Charlie Mike Rider. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mabel Neighbors, brothers, Donald, Doy and Vance and grandson Davis Rider Stewart. We'll miss you Cotton Top! Memorial contributions can be made to Pathways Hospice in memory of Marjorie Rider, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

# Comments

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“ Marge was a very dear friend of my mother Kay Maloney. All of the Maloney girls benefited from their long friendship. The last time was when Marge played the organ at Kay's funeral mass at Holy Trinity Church in 1991. Chuck, you and Marge were very dear to us. I'm sorry for your loss. My father, Walt, sends his condolences.

**Margaret (Maloney) Gilmon** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We both loved your Mom so much. She was such a great supporter of you kids and such a warm fun person. I'm sure she was an absolutely wonderful grandmother and great grandmother and will leave a big gap in all of her family's lives. Fondly, Marge and Dick

**Mr. and Mrs. Dick Westbay** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marge was a very dynamic person, true friend, and a lot of fun. She was a long time friend to Mel and our entire family. We will keep her in our hearts and thoughts forever. We want you all to know how sorry we are for your loss--our prayers are with you today and always.

Our Love  
The Lester Family

**Michael and Susan Lester** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ **Chuck and Family**  
My sincere sympathy for your loss. Although I won't be with you on Tuesday, rest assured you are all in my thoughts and prayers. A short saying I received when I lost my wife has always stuck with me and I pass it on to you and your family in hopes that it will help at a time like this.

Death leaves a heartache  
No one can heal but  
Love leaves memories  
No one can steal

God bless you and your family.

Ed

**Ed Kramer** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Craig and family,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. May the comfort of friends and family be a source of strength now and in the days ahead.

Our caring thoughts are with you,

Your PRM friends at GSK

**Frank Barrett** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Her daughter Sarah and I were best friends from age 5 through high school. I was a very very frequent guest at their house and truly felt as if their home and family were my own. Growing up with Sarah...so many wonderful memories from my childhood took place at the Rider home in Colorado Springs.

**Carolyn (Drum) Fuhrmann** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Craig, Sarah, and extended family,  
  
Scott and I send our deepest love and sympathy for the loss of your wife, grandmother, great grandmother and "Best Friend". Sorry we cannot be with you on Tuesday for the Memorial and Celebration of Marjorie's life. She truly was an extraordinary lady. Always in the right place and right time to lend a helping hand when and where needed. She set a high stand for her family to live by. Her love of life, service to family and friends; love of God and service to her faith makes her death a bit easier to endure. She died in peace knowing family and would live on and knowing she will always be watching over them.

**Gwen Barron** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We extend our deepest sympathy to Chuck and all the extended family of Marge Rider. God Bless !!!  
Glen knew Chuck since Longmont High and we knew them both from High School Reunions over the years for the Class of '45.  
Marge was a very dear lady. She was a very talented lady and so friendly to all. She will surely be missed by her family and anyone lucky enough to have know her.

**Glen and Ina Gwin** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You had a long and lively life with Charles, your four children and grand and great grandchildren. What more could you ask for?

We, as a family, will send a contribution to the Hospice.

**Gary And Donna Hennigh** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Charles, you and all your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

**Debbie Dodd** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Chuck and Family,

Marge will always be remembered with great fondness by our family. She was a good friend to our mother. Together they helped plan our weddings, did sewing projects, and volunteered at the church. Marge was a hardworking, fun-loving, jovial woman. Our prayers are with you as you celebrate her life and mourn her passing.

**Patrick Phelan** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ We met Marge and Chuck in 1983, when they started coming to our restaurant "Pepe's". We enjoyed sitting and visiting with them on Friday nights. Later in 1996, Marge was my confirmation sponsor. We have missed seeing Marge and Chuck over the years but we always enjoyed her Christmas letter. What a life she lived! We will truly miss her! Our condolences. Mary and Shawn Morris

**Mary Morris** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dearest Rider/Stewart families...

I am so very saddened by this news! I loved Marge and cannot believe that she is gone...but she is in the Lord's presence, and in no more pain. What a miracle that life does not end here. I will be praying for you Chuck, and Sarah and all the rest of the wonderful clan as you weave the loss of Marge into your life going forward.

Much Love...

Shelley



“ I send to all of you my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear Mother. My family (the Finley's) have known the Riders for over 40 years. My father (Jerry Finley) worked for Mr. Rider at Mountain Bell and developed a great friendship. Hence, my mother (Betty) and Mrs. Rider also became great friends. I attended grade school and high school with Craig. I have many fond memories of Mrs. Rider. She was always happy, positive and made you feel special. There was not a sporting event that she and Mr. Rider didn't attend. I loved looking in the stands and watching them cheer Craig during wrestling, football. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Your mother will not only be missed by many family members - but also by many, many friends.

Gina Finley Johnson - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I know Marj and Chuck meant alot to my parents. I remember Marj helping me on my wedding day almost 31 years ago. She was a good friend to my mother. May God bless her memory to all of you until you meet again. Sincerely,

Kathy Hunt

Kathy (Maloney) Hunt - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Charles : We are thinking of you and your family. I wish we could be there to say goodbye. Marge was terrific person and knowing her was a joy. Love, Shirley and Don Campbell

Shirley & Don Campbell - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ May your mother rest in peace. This is a very difficult time. Honor your mom with memories.

Sharon DeWitt - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Chuck and family,our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.Chuck,we remember fondly the many fun times we shared with you and Marge at dances,parties and get togethers at Holy Trinity events and Hallando functions. Marge's warmth and friendly demeanor always made the evenings fun and

enjoyable. She surely enjoyed life and was so very proud of her wonderful family. Marge made us smile and laugh and life was good. I know all of you will treasure your memories. God Bless.

Sincerely, David & Karyl

**David & Karyl Vasquez** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. We will always remember your Mom's kind smile and warm heart. We know she is watching over all of you from Heaven.

Blessings and Love,  
The Cipolettis xoxo

**The Kevin Cipoletti Family** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Chuck, Craig and entire Rider Family,

We are saddened by Marj's passing and further regret we just learned of it as we were out of the country from March 25 to Easter. Sorry for the delay in sending our heartfelt regards. She is a wonderful lady and that will never change.

Best to all of you from all of us.

As always,

John, Darla, Sean and Nathan

**John and Darla Jones** - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM