



Ardie Redder

August 10, 1923 - January 5, 2011

Ardie Redder, 87, of Fort Collins, Colorado passed away on January 5, 2011 after a brief but valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born August 10, 1923 to Leo and Teresa Hentges in Porter, Minnesota. Since 1961, Ardie has resided mostly in Fort Collins with her loving husband of 62 years, Lester, who survives her. She is also survived by their children -- Jim (and Judy) Redder of Portland, Oregon, Terri (and Mike) Bryant of Thornton, Colorado, Tom (and DeAnne) Redder of Fort Collins, Bonnie (and Ray) Kemp of Fort Collins, Greg Redder of Fort Collins, surrogate son, Bill Bertschy, of Fort Collins, as well as by 11 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and her brother and three sisters - - Ralph Hentges of Canby, Minnesota, Florence Sommerer of Canby, Minnesota, Bonnie Genzlinger of Edina, Minnesota, and Ownie Dunn of Webster, Wisconsin. Ardie was preceded in death by her beloved 19 year-old son, Bob, who had died in a tragic drowning accident up Poudre Canyon in 1971. Ardie grew up in Canby, Minnesota and in 1941, as an accomplished pianist and organist, was graduated from Canby High School, where she had met Lester, her future husband. She then entered Nursing School at Saint Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis and, upon receiving her R.N. degree in 1944, enlisted in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She was immediately sent for training to what was then Camp Carson in Colorado Springs, where she developed a lifelong love affair with the mountain splendor of Colorado and its Front Range. During World War II, Ardie was deployed to the American Pacific Theatre where she waded ashore with the U.S. Army's 311th General Hospital

as part of the return of U.S. and Allied Forces to the Philippines for the Battle of Luzon and liberation of the Philippines from Japanese occupation. When the War finally ended in 1946, Ardie was separated from active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant with a Bronze Battle Star and Victory Medal. After the War, Ardie returned to Minneapolis, resumed work as a surgical nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, and married Lester who, by now, had also returned from the War and was enrolled as a veterinary student at the University of Minnesota. Upon Lester's graduation from Veterinary School, Ardie and Lester lived briefly in both Springfield and Canby, Minnesota before moving to Fort Collins in 1961 where, except for brief periods for Lester's veterinary work in Little Falls, Minnesota and Salt Lake City, Utah, they have resided ever since. Although Ardie primarily worked as a committed housewife and loving mother to her six children, she was passionately dedicated to the nursing profession and often worked in doctor's offices, hospitals, and blood-banks throughout her blessed life. A Rosary Vigil will be held for Ardie at 7pm on Tuesday, January 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 200 West Mountain Avenue in Fort Collins, and a Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30am on Wednesday, January 12, immediately followed by Military Honors in front of the church, as well as by a luncheon reception in St. Joseph Church Hall in the basement of the church. Contributions may be made in Ardie's memory to the Oblate Missions, 323 Oblate Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78216 (www.oblatemissions.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *Ardie Redder*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I wanted to express my condolences to your family, and my appreciation for Ardie's service in the Army medical corps. My father, Jim Griffin, spent seven weeks in the 311th General Hospital on Luzon after being wounded in action. It is possible that he and Ardie would have come in contact there. My parents lived in Boulder and Louisville from 1965 until his passing in 2004. (Mom is now in South Dakota).*

Blessings to you all.

-James Griffin

James Griffin - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Emmy and "Doc" wish to express our sincerest sympathy to Lester and the family of Ardie. She was one of Emmy's very good friends during Nurses Training.*

Emma & "Doc" Thielmann - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ Dear Family of Ardie Redder:

Although I have known Ardie for many years having first met her when Bonnie worked at Saint Joseph School, it was not until I began hosting the Veteran's Day Mass and Reception that I got to know her better. I became worried when she and Lester did not attend this year as they have attended ever year. She wrote me several beautiful thank you cards. I was so saddened to hear of her passing. What a classy, sweet, dear lady. She was my hero for serving in the Army in WWII. I will always remember her dressed in her Army jacket and cap each time she attended our Veteran's Day celebration. One year, I had the sixth graders interview our Vets and I still have the one they did with Ardie. I am sure you already know most of the information that she shared on that day. I was fascinated to learn that she was a Lieutenant and had served in the Philippines where my dad also served in WWII. When asked what military life was like for her, Ardie answered it was busy with 12 hour days, 7 days a week. I will always have fond memories of Ardie and offer my deepest sympathy to all of you for the loss of this grand lady.

*With sympathy and prayers,
Sue Zaloudek*

Sue Zaloudek - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To the Redder Family,
I wish to express my condolences at the loss of Ardie. What a remarkable and courageous woman. I have always been so impressed by her as I could see that many times she struggled to walk, but she always had that brave smile and strong will to receive communion and attend mass. And she still carried herself with that military bearing, erect and with pride. Her love for her family was so evident. I know she is with the angels now and that God has welcomed her into His army. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Sincerely, Sue

Sue Clark - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Redder Family: May the fond memories of Ardee console you in your time of sorrow. She was an impressive woman. Love to you all.

Mike,Erika,Lisa Maxwell - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Dear Redder Family,
I offer my condolences on Mrs. Redder's passing.

Having attended St. Joseph's school with Bonnie, and having been roommates for a time when we were older, I remember Mrs. Redder's gentle soul throughout our growing up.

My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

*Sincerely,
Ann Kress Kurronen*

Ann Kress Kurronen - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Loving thoughts surround the extended Redder family. Although I have lived away from Fort Collins for many years, I have many fond memories of Ardie through my friendship with Bonnie from St. Joseph School through FCHS graduation -- through all the good and the tough times that beset every family over the years, what I will remember most is her fierce pride in and love for you all. It was always a pleasure to see her when I was back in town for visits. Please know that I am present in thought at both the Rosary and the Mass, though I can't be there in person. God bless you.

Doreen Beard Simpkins - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Greg, Tom, and the Redder family,

We were saddened to learn of the loss of your mother. Please accept our sincere condolences. Although we never met her, she must have been a wonderful mother, having raised such a great family. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

David Aschermann - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Tom,

We are saddened to learn of the passing of your Mom. We are unable to attend the service due to a scheduled MRI for Raleigh but want you to know that we do care. We have fond memories of you and the rest of Dennis' friends. Those were good and fun years. We send blessings and prayers for comfort for you and all your family.

*Fondly,
Raleigh and Edith Brooks*

Raleigh and Edith Brooks - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Lester and family,
Please except my deepest sympathy over the loss of Ardie. I was so deeply saddened by this news. Ardie was one of my most favorite clients and I will miss her dearly. I always loved seeing her every 8 weeks and talking to her about her Nursing career and family (I always knew that she loved her family so much and was so proud of her children and Grandchildren). She was such a wonderful lady and I feel blessed to have known her over the years. Please know that I am praying for you all during this difficult time. I will always remember Ardie and hold her in my heart forever. God Bless.
Sincerely,
Amy Provopulos (Ardie's hairstylist)

Amy Provopulos - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time...
Your mother accomplished a lot in her life and I know that you are very proud of her. She will always hold a very special place in your heart.

Terri Ockander - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MU

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. The passing of a loved one is always difficult. It is the comfort of loving memories that can help to get through these trying times. God bless you all.

Maureen Upthegrove - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Mrs. Ardie Redder was a favorite mother figure to me. She was such a wonderful loving person who welcomed her childrens friends into her home with real caring and concern for thier well being. She was such a joy to be around and such a blessing. Dear Jesus, you have another angel in your house.

Ric Hansen - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Tom, I want to pass on my condolences to you and your family. Just knowing you and the qualities you have exhibited throughout your life is evidence of the great human being your mother was. Thank you so much for treating my dad to his morning breakfast last week. That was the highlight of his day and he called me as soon as he was near a phone to express his excitement at meeting you. I hope we will run into each other before too long. My best to your family.
Claudia

Claudia Everitt Gillum - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ My Aunt and Uncle, Ann and Julius Desutter of Canby always used to visit with the Redders on their trips through Colorado where they also visited me. i also remember that Ardie was very kind to my mother,Eva Wright, who lived in Ft. Collins. May she indeed, rest in peace.

pat wright - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ *Artie was truly a special person. She and the rest of the family were so good to my brother, Bill, when he had his climbing accident. She was like a second mother to Bill.*

My husband and I feel blessed to have known her.

Kathy Israelson

Kathy and Gary Israelson - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *To Lester and family,my deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wife, sister, and mother.may the lord give you strength in this your hour of sorrow.*

sincerely

mark petros

family friend

mark petros - January 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM