



## Bette Jean Dobson

December 16, 1929 - July 15, 2017

Bette Jean Kyes went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the age of 87 while a resident at Columbine West Health & Rehab in Fort Collins, CO. Bette was born on the family farm, north of Big Springs, Nebraska on December 16, 1929. She is the second of three girls. The family was active in the Big Springs United Methodist Church. Bette loved her barnyard cats and had one that sat on her shoulder every day as she did her chores. She attended the rural district school through the eighth grade. Bette and her older sister rode a horse to school every day. After finishing at the rural school, she attended Big Springs High School where she graduated in 1947. The caption under her senior picture read "short, sweet, and studious". A "Round Robin" letter continues to this day with all the girls in her graduating class. After high school Bette enrolled at Nebraska Wesleyan University where she earned a two-year teaching certificate. She taught at the elementary school in Ogallala Nebraska until she was married.

When Bette was fourteen, she suffered a ruptured appendix. There was a young man a few years older than she who, though he was not allowed to visit, came to the hospital often just to be near her. His name was Marion Dobson. On September 23, 1950 they were married in Kearney, NE. He was the love of her life. Bette and Marion have four daughters,

four grandsons, four granddaughters, and thirteen great-grandchildren. Bette & Marion raised their family primarily in Sterling, CO. They spent time attending Faith United Methodist Church, then became members of Christ United Methodist Church. They moved to Fort Collins in 1983. She attended numerous Bible studies over the years and participated in the Women's Group at Westminster Presbyterian until she her health declined. She spent most of her career doing clerical work in a variety of offices in Sterling and Fort Collins retiring from Columbine West in December 1994. Bette was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was a blessing to everyone she knew and had a sweet disposition and a witty sense of humor.

Bette enjoyed very good health most of her life. She and Marion went for daily walks and were active with friends and family. They attended sporting events, school and church programs for their grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren. They spent winters in Texas after their retirement until health issues prevented it, but remained active with friends and family from their home in Ft. Collins. She went to breakfast weekly with a group of neighbor ladies who continued to visit her after she became a resident of Columbine (thank you Yvonne, Donna, Donna and Carol). After Bette's health began to decline, they were less able to travel, but still got together with friends for coffee nearly every day. Marion was faithful to take her out as often as she was able.

Bette is survived by her husband of almost 67 years, Marion Dobson of Fort Collins; four daughters, Cheryl Rupert and husband, John, of Greeley, Karen Hoozee and husband, Larry, of Snyder, Dixie Gallucci and husband, Ray, of Loveland, and Debbie Campbell and husband, Doug, of Fort Collins; one sister, Leota Romick and husband, Don, of Greeley; 8 grandchildren, Jason Rupert of Fort Collins, Kristen Schneider and husband, Troy, of Cope, Justin Hoozee and wife,

Michelle, of Stoneham, Laura Ziminsky and husband, Jon, of Loveland, Jamie Frey of Windsor, Jacob Campbell and wife, Candra, of Windsor, Jared Campbell and wife, Amy, of Fort Collins, and Kendra King of Loveland, and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Emma Roberts Kyes, sister Bonnie Roberts, and an infant son Kelvin Dobson.

The family wishes to express their deep gratitude for the compassionate care "Miss Bette" received from the staff and volunteers at Columbine West and briefly from Pathways Hospice. We will be forever grateful for their love and support.

A service will be held for Bette on Saturday, July 22, 2017, 3 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 West Elizabeth Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Interment at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Sterling will take place at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1709 W. Elizabeth St.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bette Jean Dobson*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bette Jean Dobson.*



July 22, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *Love, The Phillips Family purchased the Florist C hoice Bouquet for the family of Bette Jean Dobson.*



**Love, The Phillips Family** - July 21, 2017 at 10:22 AM



“ *I enjoyed our times together in sterling. Your kindness will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers to the family. With love and hugs. Lee Ann Mitchell 🌹*

**Lee Ann Mitchell** - July 21, 2017 at 05:57 AM

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denise dobson heare - July 20, 2017 at 09:58 AM

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“ I have so many fond memories of our family gatherings of Aunt Bette, Uncle Marion and all of you ❤️ Years of Halloween fun from your home in Charmony, picnics with GrandMa and GrandPa Dobson and getting together with other cousins ! . We've had a blessed childhood all living so close together. Y'all did a beautiful tribute of Bette's life, facts I didn't recall and really enjoyed reading



denise dobson heare - July 20, 2017 at 09:49 AM

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“ Love and sympathy to all the family. I remember Bette as a very sweet and wonderful lady, and glad that I knew her. I wish I could be at the service (I will be out of town), and will be thinking of you all. Praying for God's comfort and blessing for all of you. Love, Wendi Seidel

Wendi Seidel - July 20, 2017 at 08:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bette Jean Dobson.



July 19, 2017 at 11:00 PM

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“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Bette Jean Dobson*



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**Chrissy** - July 18, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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*Bette and I, her sister Leota, shared some wonderful moments together the last 5 - 6 years of her life. We ate out at our favorite restaurants, especially the Olive Gardens in Ft Collins. We enjoyed the beautiful flowers on College Avenue sponsored by the college; We attended the Ladies Retreats in-near Ft. Robinson, Chadron, Nebaska. She was my Sister, A Gift From Above. Leota Romick*

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**Leota Romick** - July 21, 2017 at 03:07 PM