



## Bettie Howard

December 16, 1929 - December 6, 2008

Bettie Lee (Reffel) Howard, age 78 of Fort Collins, Colorado, formerly of Aurora, died December 6, 2008 at her granddaughter's home in Ft. Collins. A private memorial is being planned. Bettie Reffel was born December 16, 1929 in Lone, Colorado to Theodore and Lydia Reffel. She graduated from Manual High School in Denver in 1947 and married Harold R. Howard on June 19, 1948 in Denver. Harold preceded her in death in May of 2004. In addition to her husband, Harold, she was preceded in death by her son, Jim (James) H. Howard. Bettie worked as a key punch operator for Western Electric and was a organist and music teacher. She enjoyed music and dance, in her younger years; kept her home immaculate; and took great pride in making her house a loving home. She lived most of her life in Aurora; lived previously in Ft. Collins; and briefly in Georgia, while her granddaughter attended college; then they moved back to Fort Collins in 2006. Bettie is survived by her granddaughter, Cheryl K. (Howard) Davidson of Ft. Collins and her brother, Jim Reffel of Aurora.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bettie Howard*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Cheryl: I am so sorry for you loss. Your grandparents, Bettie and Harry, were the best of friends with my parents Karl & Bertha Brunner. They had some great times together. My dad passed away in January 1985. My mom passed away August 9, 2006, 10 days before her 92nd birthday. Your grandparents were lucky to have you -being a care giver is a difficult job, how well I understand that. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May peace be with you as well.*

*Sincerely,*

*Loren J Meier*

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**Lorene Meier** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bettie Howard*

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**Nancy Wiederkehr Hogan** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cheryl, we will always miss Bettie and Harry. Over the years of Bettie and Fred riding to work together to playing cards, going to see country western singers, to Fred coaching Jim in Young America Football, to just laughing and having fun together. Bettie's smile and laughter was so infectious. You have been a very loving granddaughter - every grand parent should have one as caring as you have been.

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**Fred and Edna Hesser** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My best Christmas ever was spent in Aunt Bettie's basement receiving my "Betsy Wetsy" walking doll!*

*The pool table was always covered with a crisp white sheet and the best of the best German cooking was laid out for everyone to munch on. Nobody but Uncle Harry really liked the pickled herring! My personal favorite was Aunt Mollie's Petitsa - a honey and walnut filled bread.*

*There was usually a fire going in the white brick fireplace. It was so cozy. Usually there was a "surprise" gift in the corner...again covered by a sheet. We all understood that this was Little Jim's big present from Aunt Bettie and Uncle Harry. I think on this Christmas Eve it was skis and boots.*

*Soon after this favorite Christmas Little Jim married a beautiful girl named Julie and they had a daughter named Cheryl Kay. I can still see the smile on his face as he lovingly called her "Blondie."*

*So many Christmases have come and gone since those innocent days. My Aunt will always be cherished in my heart. Warm memories of her will abound. Thank you so much Cheryl Kay and Julie for loving her so.*

*Peace,*

*Jo Evans*

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**Jo Evans** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family*

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**Herb Simmons** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Betty was a lovely lady and we will miss her smiling face. Many residents of The Worthington have commented on her always smiling and was always cheerful.*

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**Lorraine Dysard & Mary Edelblut** - December 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM