



## Betty Stewart Reed Speights

April 23, 1941 - July 29, 2014

Betty Reed Speights, age 73 of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away on July 29, 2014 at the Pathways Hospice Care Center in Loveland.

Betty, called “Tissy” by her friends and family, was born on April 23, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina to William Stewart and Betty Logan Reed. She grew up in Decatur, Georgia, and married her husband of 53 years, Bob Speights on June 10, 1961.

Prior to finding their home in Colorado in the early 1970s, Tissy and Bob lived in many diverse areas of the country, including Annapolis, Maryland and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In their early years living in Colorado, Tissy worked for the Arvada Police Department running the child safety programs as a uniformed Community Service Officer. She and Bob moved to Fort Collins in 2002.

Tissy was very involved in Scouting with her sons, and all three of them became Eagle Scouts with her encouragement and assistance. She enjoyed all things in the outdoors, especially backpacking, camping and hiking. Tissy and Bob shared a love of travel, and as the years went by, the backpack and tent were replaced by a motor home which took the two of them on many adventures throughout the United States. She and Bob also enjoyed traveling beyond the United States and embarked on several cruises and other

journeys around the world.

Tissy is survived by her husband, Bob Speights; sons, Bill (& Cheryl) of Wichita, Kansas, Dave (& Catharine) of Fort Collins, Andy (& Kate) of Broomfield, Colorado; her sister, Martha Lynn (& Chuck Scott) of Athens, Ohio; sister-in-law Peggy Ogden of Dunwoody, Georgia; and six grandchildren: Sarah, Chris, Kelten, Abby, Sabrina, and Samantha Speights.

She is preceded in death by her grandson, Nicholas.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM August 8, 2014 at Harmony Presbyterian Church, 400 Boardwalk, Ft. Collins.

In lieu of flowers, Tissy's family requests that memorial donations please be made to Animal House Rescue, c/o Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Please go to [www.goesfuneralcare.com](http://www.goesfuneralcare.com) to see Tissy's online obituary and to add memories and condolences to her page.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Previous Events

## Interment

AUG 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

## Memorial Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Harmony Presbyterian Church  
400 Boardwalk Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall



“ *Betty Stewart Reed Speights*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am so late, but I have been thinking about you and Tissy for almost three years now. Hard to believe, but I still have an image of you two at your wedding! Also remembering how I enjoyed my visit with you way back in my early training days in the AF. Please accept my belated condolences.*

*Cousin Connie Jackson*

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**CE JACKSON** - April 17, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ *Hi Cousin Bob and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Hannah and I are thinking of you.  
Hollis Hollis Jackson [Holly]*

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**HOLLIS Jackson** - August 06, 2014 at 07:41 AM



“ *Dear Bob and family,  
On behalf of your Decatur High School Class of 1957, may I extend our sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved Tissy. God bless you and our prayer is that you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you have of the life you shared with her.*

*J. R. Smith*

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**J. R. Smith** - August 05, 2014 at 09:21 AM

DM

“ To brag freely about children and grandchildren...  
To laugh loudly over shared memories...  
To relax completely in conversation...  
These are the comforts and gifts of 40 year friendships.

*Tissie belonged to a crazy group of ladies we called The Lovely Ladies of Lake Arbor. We had lunch once a month. Thank you Bob for bringing her down to join us. She was a special lady and dear friend and I will miss her.*

*Diane Meredith (one of the crazy ladies).*

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**Diane Meredith** - August 04, 2014 at 03:34 PM

PA

“ I was Arvada Chief of Police from '87-'93. Tissy was a wonderful member of the Arvada community and the Arvada Police Department. She contributed much to the safety of children in her role as child safety officer. There's no telling how many children she protected from harm but it's absolutely real that prevention works and many kids were safer because of Tissy's considerable ability and dedication to their safety. She was a great family person and will be missed by many. She leaves a mountain of good memories. So long Tissy, you led a wonderful life.  
Sincerely,  
Patrick Ahlstrom

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**Patrick Ahlstrom** - August 03, 2014 at 12:10 PM

KE

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of what sounds like a pretty incredible lady! My thoughts and prayers will be with your whole family during this difficult time.  
-Karen Echols

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**Karen Echols** - August 02, 2014 at 05:26 PM

WP

“ Thanks so much for lending her to us at the PD! She was a blessing to know and work with, and helped so many people.

*Walt Parsons*

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**Walt Parsons** - August 01, 2014 at 07:42 PM

AC

“ Tissy, I'll miss you. Remembering happy times, we two grandmothers walking in to a Catharine's veterinary graduation carrying a 24 hour-old grandchild (first for us both). Remembering antique window-shopping with you, when you introduced me to cherry-pitters for the first time! Remembering so many good times . . .

*Bob, Our sincere condolences, your care for Tissy in the last years have been truly an inspiration.*

*Ann Cooper*

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**Ann Cooper** - August 01, 2014 at 02:25 PM

PJ

“ A life long friend who laughed , loved and made all our lives better. We shared so much as friends and extended families. She was a southern lady and one in a million. Bob, your devotion and caring gave Tizzy so many years of happiness  
I will miss her.

*Pat and Fred Jolley*

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**Pat Jolley** - August 01, 2014 at 12:27 PM



JE

“ I share in your loss, but also have many memories of Tissy and our extended family vacations to Akumal, camping in Colorado and Kansas, and Thanksgiving and New Years Day gatherings.

*Jerry Ellis*

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**Jerry Ellis** - August 01, 2014 at 12:15 PM

BE

“ To all the Speights Family - Our deepest heartfelt condolences on the loss of Tissy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*The Evans Family*

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**Becky Evans** - August 01, 2014 at 11:38 AM

CH

“ Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Betty Stewart Reed Speights



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**Chrissy** - July 31, 2014 at 11:28 AM

PO

“ Bob - I just wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family. It is such a difficult time and a great loss. You all will remain in my prayers.

*Pat St. Onge*

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**Pat St. Onge** - July 31, 2014 at 11:22 AM

MW

*My thoughts and prayers to your family and friends during this very difficult time.*

*Mary Williams APD*

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**Mary Williams** - August 01, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JF

*Dear Bob, Dave, Catherine, Sarah, and other members of the Speights family:*

*We are so sorry to learn of the loss of Tissy. We know how much fun she used to have with your family, particularly as she endured the many hours at various race tracks while Bob and Dave, and sometimes even Sarah, entertained her with your exploits on the tracks.*

*So glad that she got to enjoy all of the travels that you took. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult period.*

*Best regards to a very fine, strong family.*

*Jim and Sara Fry*

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**Jim and Sara Fry** - August 03, 2014 at 08:17 PM