



## Diane Marie Hecker

April 9, 1936 - March 6, 2014

Diane Marie (Lauer) Hecker, 77, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died on Thursday, March 6, 2014 after a ten year bout with cancer.

Diane was born on April 9, 1936 to Clarence and Eleanor (Fellows) Lauer of Terry, Montana. She spent the first 18 years of her life with her family on the Guernsey Dairy, south of Terry. She graduated from Terry High School in 1954 and attended Montana State College, where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics (Education) in 1958. While at MSC, she met Richard Hecker from Sumatra, Montana. They were married on August 12, 1958 in Terry, Montana. After their wedding, they moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where Richard attended graduate school at Colorado State University. For several years Diane worked as a senior library assistant in the Forestry Library at CSU, while Richard earned his PhD in Plant Genetics.

In 1963 Diane gave birth to the first of four children. She was an active leader at St. Joseph School and in the Fort Collins public schools; serving as a room mother for more than 20 classes and she was the PTA President for 2 years. In 1977 she co-founded Mary's Closet at St. Joseph Church. Mary's Closet is a service organization that provides clothing for people in need. Diane volunteered at the Closet until her death. In June of 2013, Diane and Richard were the first recipients of the Spirit of the St. Joseph Legacy award for their volunteer work at St. Joseph Parish. Diane enjoyed creating new recipes,

baking and playing Bridge with her friends. She is well known for her fabulous cookies and beautiful denim quilts.

Diane is survived by her husband Richard of 55 years, her daughter, Carol (Jeff) Walbye of Fort Collins; her son, John (Laura) Hecker of Larkspur, Colorado; her daughter, Ann (Mario) Perricone of Littleton, Colorado and her son, Douglas Hecker of Steamboat, Colorado. She has three grandchildren, Jackson Walbye and Morgan and Paige Perricone. She is also survived by her sister, Corolin (Clarence) Ruff of Spokane, Washington; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Diane was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Eleanor Lauer and son-in-law, Michael Ragsdale.

A Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM –7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at Goes Funeral Care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Diane at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins, Colorado. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery, followed by a reception at St. Joseph Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Mary's Closet at St. Joseph Church, 300 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Goes Funeral Care & Crematory  
3665 Canal Drive  
Suite E  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-2221  
[info@goesfuneralcare.com](mailto:info@goesfuneralcare.com)  
<https://www.goesfuneralcare.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

## Reception

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MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W Mountain Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Diane Marie Hecker*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Richard and Family,*

*I wanted to let you know that Janice and I are thinking about you at this difficult time. I didn't know Diane well but whenever we met she seemed very kind and gentle. Janice recalls visiting with the Heckers one time at their home and Diane showed her one of the her fabulous quilts. I recall seeing Diane and Richard often at Albertsons and always having a nice chat with both of them.*

*I also wanted to let you know, Richard, that Janice and I are on sabbatical in Europe otherwise we certainly would have attended the service.*

*We are thinking of you and wish you all the best at this very difficult time.*

*With warm regards,  
Scott and Janice Haley.*

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**Scott Haley** - March 18, 2014 at 01:10 AM

BM

“ To Diane's family: Although you don't know me, I want to share my admiration and respect for Diane. I knew her as a friend who helped Joyce Lang who was also my friend. We worked together for years helping Joyce who was a member of American Baptist Church (also my church). Diane was so loving and kind -- and her dedicated work for Mary's Closet is very much appreciated by our community. My heartfelt sympathy and prayers for God's peace for you,  
Betty Moseley

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**Betty Moseley** - March 12, 2014 at 10:50 AM

JQ

“ Richard:  
Unfortunately, I did not know Diane and am not able to attend the memorial services today. Please accept our deepest sympathy at this critical time. Best wishes, Jim Quick

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**Jim Quick** - March 12, 2014 at 10:19 AM

DE

“ What a wonderful neighbor! We loved sharing treats during the Holidays. She will be missed.  
Our sympathy to the family.

*The Larry Griffith Family*

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**Denise** - March 12, 2014 at 09:44 AM

TF

“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and condolences. The entire Hecker family is in our thoughts and prayers. It is not easy to say "until we meet again", but we all have great memories of her to rely on, and know she is in the arms of her Lord.

*The Bacheller family.*

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**the Bacheller Family** - March 12, 2014 at 08:28 AM

SE

“ She also was always "Mrs. Hecker" to me as well. I have many fond memories and to this day I make her recipe for the best chocolate chip cookies EVER! I remember her teaching me how to make buttermints at her home. She was always smiling and gave the greatest hugs! These memories I will cherish! Our condolences go out to Mr. Hecker, Carol, John, Ann and Doug and all the people she loved! I am grateful to know that she is at peace with our Lord and Savior! God Bless! <><

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**Sue Erickson** - March 11, 2014 at 05:16 PM

JC

“ Diane was always so welcoming to Joe and me when we came to St. Joseph. She is gone too soon. Jan & Joe Carroll

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**Jan Carroll** - March 11, 2014 at 11:55 AM

BW

“ Thank you Diane for all of your love and care as one of my dearest friends! You are a tough act to follow. Your example will remain in my thoughts for the rest of my life.  
Doug and I will visit with Dick often. I loved our time spent together.  
Bless you!  
Barb Wree

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**Barb Wree** - March 10, 2014 at 11:38 PM

ER

“ Our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Hecker family. We will always remember Diane as a wonderful, caring person. Our prayers are with you.

*Ernie and Esther Romero*

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**Ernest** - March 10, 2014 at 12:40 PM

LG

“ We lost a great woman.  
Diane was my other mother, confidant, advisor, story teller and friend.  
Who could forget her rolls of cookies, her wall of pictures, her jean quilts, her devotion to Mary's Closet, her cinnamon popcorn?  
She freely gave a smile, a baked good and her love.

*My prayers are with Dick and the rest of the family. She will be missed.*

*Laura Frisinger Grandt*

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**Laura Frisinger Grandt** - March 10, 2014 at 10:25 AM

MB

“ Ann and family,

*I'm so sorry to learn of your mom's passing and my heart is breaking for you all. I smile when I think of the many hours spent hanging out at your house and how your mom filled your home with love and laughter. I'll always remember her warm smile and sweet nature. Please know I'm sending prayers of comfort and strength to you all and prayers of joyous release to your sweet mom.*

*Sympathies,  
Mary Norris Barela*

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**Mary Barela** - March 10, 2014 at 12:03 AM



Genevieve  
Wooden

“ *Diane was always "Mrs. Hecker" to me! A very tall and elegant lady. When we went down to the house to see if her kids could play, I remember ringing the doorbell and then hearing her heels clicking on the tile floors before she opened the door. No clicking heels, no one was home. She always offered something to eat and wanted us to sit at the tall seating area in the kitchen. Very generous. She had a fun laugh and was always very nice, but I remember when I thought she was going to be mad at us for something I didn't want to be around :) One of my most embarrassing childhood memories was when I knocked over this huge (and I mean huge) wall of crafts in their basement and broke a bunch of things. It was awful and I felt so bad, but she was very kind and just politely asked me to leave. When our families would have bridge games Mrs. Hecker always brought a dessert that was something new and delicious...worth searching down at the party! We still have her denim quilts up at our cabin. I hope Diane is having drinks with my Mom and having a grand time in heaven. Our prayers to your family and may she rest in God's hands peacefully, as she was such a good servant here on earth.*

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**Genevieve Wooden** - March 09, 2014 at 09:09 PM

JW

“Diane was our kind and loving friend. We will always treasure the many dinners, bridge games and trips together Her deep desire to help others was shown by the countless number of people whose lives she touched through her work with Mary's Closet and the church. “Tis better to give than to receive” describes her entire life. Diane was truly the example of a saint on earth. She will be deeply missed.

With deepest sympathy,

Addie and Jim Welsh

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James Welsh - March 09, 2014 at 03:27 PM

BC

“My Thoughts and Prayers are with Your Entire Family during this time of Mourning as well as Celebration! I'm sure the lives she touched through Mary's Closet are too numerous to count! She was a Special Lady who was Blessed with an Amazing Family! What more could she have ever asked for?? May the Good Lord Rest her Soul!!

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Bill Chevront - March 09, 2014 at 11:14 AM

KS

“I will never forget all the cookies and yummy snacks that were ALWAYS offered by Diane at her house. She always asked how things were going in my life and made me feel so loved. No wonder the Hecker home was the place to be after school every day! You will be greatly missed, Mrs. Hecker!

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Kris Shutts - March 09, 2014 at 09:08 AM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Diane Marie Hecker*



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**Chrissy** - March 07, 2014 at 10:40 AM