



Dorothy Abbey Eiman

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September 18, 1932 - May 24, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dorothy Abbey Eiman, who left us peacefully on May 24, 2024, at the age of 91, at Mackenzie Place in Fort Collins, CO. Dorothy was born on September 18, 1932, in Chickasha, OK, to Leslie William Mallonee and Annie Louise Mallonee.

Dorothy's life was a testament to generosity and compassion. She was a woman who deeply believed in giving of herself to her family, church, and community. Whether she was furnishing Crossroads Safehouse, befriending an elderly resident at a nearby nursing home, or opening her home to foreign students, her acts of kindness were endless. Her life was dedicated to encouraging growth and spreading love.

Dorothy instilled in her children the importance of education. From reading to them regularly, teaching Bible school, participating in PTA, volunteering in classrooms, and helping with homework, she ensured they all became lifelong learners. While attending Colorado State University and majoring in biology, she balanced her studies with raising three young children. They would often climb into bed with her as she studied, and she involved them in her

coursework, sharing fascinating anatomy and biology topics. Visits to the anatomy lab to see preserved dog organs are cherished memories, and her graduation with honors was a proud moment for the whole family.

Dorothy took every opportunity to teach in the context of daily life. One memorable experience involved a 12-mile hike for Cub Scouts. To prepare, they drove down Shields Street, a quiet two-lane country road, to measure the distance. They packed lunch, ensured they had plenty of water, and set off early on a Saturday morning. Along the way, Dorothy pointed out the wonders of nature, the mountains, the clouds, and various plants and trees. They studied insects during lunch at an old brick factory. This approach to education, blending practical activities with learning, characterized Dorothy's parenting.

Dorothy believed in connecting the responsibilities of being a student to real-world consequences. For instance, in high school, her children knew they needed a GPA above 3.2 to be allowed to drive. Her support and encouragement extended to foreign students at CSU, further emphasizing the value of education.

Dorothy graduated with honors in Biology from Colorado State University after completing her high school education at Chickasha High School. She married William S. Abbey on July 13, 1952, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. They moved to Fort Collins where Bill started his medical practice. Dorothy and Bill had 48 wonderful years together devoting themselves to their five children. Bill Abbey died in 2000. Dorothy was blessed to marry Bill Eiman on January 5, 2002, in Fort Collins. They enjoyed many cherished years together until his death in 2020. Her love and dedication to her family were boundless, and she took immense pride in their achievements.

Dorothy had a wide range of interests, including reading, walking, traveling,

and serving her community. In 1976, she volunteered for a month during the Big Thompson Flood, performing various duties from typing death certificates to body recovery. Her commitment to education and public awareness was evident in her decade-long campaign, "A Show and Tell on Drug Paraphernalia," where she delivered over 100 talks across four states, educating parents on drug use and prevention.

She was an active member of the United Methodist Church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, President of United Methodist Women, a Stephen Minister, and a member of the adult Sunday school. Her leadership and volunteer efforts extended to the Fort Collins Symphony Guild, Poudre Valley Hospital, Fort Collins High, and the Kiwanis Club.

How do you summarize a life of 91 years? Mother , mom, daughter , aunt, spouse, momoo, grandmother, great grandmother, community leader, yes she was known by many names and in many places. At her core Dorothy's life is mirrored in her boundless love for family and community.

Dorothy is survived by her loving children, Kris Saucke (husband Scott), David Abbey (wife Suzanne), Kathy Moddelmog (husband Dennis), Jim Abbey, and Nick Abbey (wife Kate). She was a cherished grandmother to Annie Monesmith (Scott), Katie McCulley (Ryan), Tyler Abbey, Ben Abbey (Christina), Jeff Abbey (Josephine), William Abbey, Jackson Abbey, Brayden Windle, and Karlie Windle, and a great-grandmother to Haleigh Monesmith, Abbey Monesmith, Liam McCulley, Ezalee McCulley, Lincoln Abbey, and Madison Abbey.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husbands, William S. Abbey and William Eiman, as well as her siblings Robert Mallonee, Paul Mallonee, and Mildred Clasen Holt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dorothy's memory to the First United Methodist Church, Old Town Library in Fort Collins, or Crossroads Safehouse.

Dorothy's life was a beacon of generosity, love, and service. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her legacy of kindness and compassion will continue to inspire those she touched.

A Memorial Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024 at First United Methodist Church, Fort Collins.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 8. 10:30 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
1005 Stover Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.fcfumc.net/>

Tribute Wall

ST

“ I knew Dorothy in the context of being friends with Dave and Kathy Abbey at FCHS. I remember going to "Young Life" meetings that Dorothy hosted at their home in Indian Hills. Its clear from her obituary that Dorothy had a wonderful life and was a wonderful person. Also evidenced by the character of the Abbey children. Our deep condolences to all the Abbey family.

Steve and Laurie Torgerson
San Luis Obispo, Ca

Steve Torgerson - July 09, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ I'm sure she is giving butterfly massages up in heaven. Prayers to all the family. Mark & Deb Childress

Debbie Childress - July 07, 2024 at 06:26 PM

BA

“ We just received word today. Our prayers for the comfort of the Lord's arms wrapped around you through this difficult time have been placed. Dorothy was one of the first people to befriend my father when he moved to Fort Collins. She will always be remembered as all things that were written and so much more. Love Bob and April

Bob and April - June 23, 2024 at 02:55 PM

MS

“ To all the Abbey children, from all the Kaehler kids, our deepest condolences to you on the transition of your mother. Her smile and light will be missed so much here on Earth, but know that heaven is certainly enlightened now with a very strong angel. We all hold such deep, wonderful memories of all those years at church, sitting in those same two pews towards the back of the right hand side of the sanctuary, every Sunday. Sooo many great memories of youth group and Sunday School, junior high and high school times together with our moms working together on committees here and there. They so strongly formed our foundation, from which we grew our own lives, raised our own families, and branched out into the world, with our parents' guiding lights. I still see the painting your dad did hanging in the hallway at church, and smile every time I pass by. Your mom's (and dad's) legacy is strong and deep in so many lives, in the halls of a church on Elizabeth and Stover, and also in a beautiful building on Remington Street. Our hearts are with you all.

Mary Beth Kaehler Solano - June 23, 2024 at 09:38 AM

HM

“ Momoo, (I am her great-granddaughter), was one of the best people. She put light into the world, and had an amazing love for Jesus. It was so hard watching her struggle through this tough time, and watching her children (My Grandparents, Great Aunts and Great Uncles) struggle through this hard time. She was so encouraging, and funny. She also gave the best back rubs! She is very missed, and I loved her so much.

I love you, and miss you Momoo,

Haleigh Monesmith

Haleigh Monesmith - June 20, 2024 at 09:21 PM

ME

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of the family for your loss. I sure know how much she was loved by all. Peace be with you.

Melinda - June 20, 2024 at 04:25 PM

MC

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the family with the loss of their dear mother Dorothy Mallonee-Eiman. My husband Jim and I met Dorothy and Bill Eiman when we moved to Highcastle Drive just around the corner from Dorothy and Bill Eiman in the year 2000. Our paths crossed with sharing a church committee. Many times I met Dorothy when I was walking, however, we never walked together. We probably should have done that! I also remember fondly the special bear, that she showed proudly at her house, that was made of a suit form then her late husband Bill S. Abbey. Many years later, I moved for a short while to Rigden Farm Senior Living and to a great surprise I saw Dorothy there as well. Sadly our memories could not connect any more. Hopefully all the wonderful memories will support you during this difficult time. Please Take Care! Jim and Madeleine Collinson

Madeleine Collinson - June 12, 2024 at 02:13 PM

BP

“ We remember Dorothy as a long-time neighbor and friend. Her obituary nicely captures the life of this remarkable woman. Her capacity for being "a good person" seemed unlimited and endless, Indeed, she will live on in our memories as a model of love, kindness and generosity. We extend our deepest sympathy to her wonderful family. Bob & Ann Phemister

Bob & Ann Phemister - June 09, 2024 at 04:42 PM

JA

“ We are sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved mother. God’s peace to you. Rod and Janie Arndt

Janie Arndt - June 09, 2024 at 09:54 AM

BK

“ I remember Dorothy as the volunteer at PVH who came to the evening shift on my floor where I worked as a CNA/Unit Assistant to offer back rubs. She was a lovely person who was interested in knowing a little bit about each person she met and she gave pretty good back rubs, too! She just radiated kindness and caring! My condolences to all of you ❤️ Bonnie Kemp

Bonnie Kemp - June 07, 2024 at 02:14 PM

MS

“ Dorothy was a determined and effective salesperson for Crossroads Safehouse's Fabric of Legacies quilt fundraiser in the early 1980's. She pounded the pavement and brought in a significant amount to fund programs for what was then a very new shelter for battered women and their children. Thank you, Dorothy!

MaryLou Smith - June 06, 2024 at 04:16 PM