



Elizabeth Erickson

July 9, 1927 - July 28, 2009

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Lab and Eric as a geophysicist. They were founding members of St. Paul's Methodist Church. By 1963, Betty had earned her ASID credential (American Society of Interior Designers) and opened "Erickson Interiors" from their home. In 1969, the Ericksons followed their love for the mountains and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. They settled in Strawberry Park, where Eric built his custom woodworking shop and a design studio for Betty. In 1973, they opened "Ericksons" at 729 Oak Street, a home furnishings and interior design store. People from all around the world made a point to stop by the store while visiting Steamboat. Many homes and businesses in the Yampa Valley were beautifully decorated with Betty's keen eye for texture and color, and Eric's artfully handcrafted wood furnishings. After Eric's death in 1996, Betty continued to enjoy their Strawberry Park property, gardening, and her faithful collie-dog, Larson. She was a member of PEO, Chapter X and United Methodist Church. Due to health reasons, Betty moved to Fort Collins in 2007 to be near her son Jon, his wife Diane and her grandson, Scott. Betty enjoyed being closer to her family, and making many new friends at Ridgen Farm Senior Apartments. Betty is also survived by her son Michael and his wife, Cindy, of Wallowa, Oregon. The Erickson families will be hosting an Open House in Betty's memory at the family property in Strawberry Park on Friday August 7th from 5-7pm. Friends are warmly invited to come by to share your memories and to celebrate the lives of Betty and Eric. A private family gathering will be held to distribute their ashes together in their beloved Colorado mountains. Memorial contributions in Betty's memory may be made to United Methodist Church, PO Box 773748, Steamboat Springs, CO 80477.

Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth Erickson

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I was an Alpha Chi Omega at OK A & M with Betty. We shared lots of good times in the House and on Campus. Betty was a good friend and devout person. So glad I knew her.

Betty Jelsma Price - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Betty was my roomie in college. Had not stayed up with her as much as I should. Did call her several times after Eric died. So sorry to hear about her. Was she ill long? Jane Pugh Nichols

Elizabeth Jane Pugh Nichols - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I always thought that Betty was a beautiful lady inside and out.. She was always quite impressed with my memory for her and her friends on what they would have to eat(they ordered the same thing every time they came in)it was always good to see her... Julie

Julie - July 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM