



## Flo Butler

June 19, 2022

Marjorie Flo Butler, 91, of Fort Collins, Colorado, died June 19, 2022. She was born April 21, 1931, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Thomas and Mary Haxel Brown. She graduated from high school in Tulsa, received Bachelor's Degrees in English and Education in Oklahoma, and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Denver. She married Harold S. Butler on June 20, 1954, in Tulsa, and they celebrated 56 years of marriage before his death in 2010.

Flo was a schoolteacher in the 1950s in Boulder, CO, and Manhattan, KS. Thereafter, she and her husband lived in Palo Alto, California, where he was a graduate student at Stanford University. Their daughter, Nanette, was born during this time. The family moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico in 1963, where they lived until retirement, except for three year-long stays in France and Switzerland in conjunction with her husband's employment at CERN Laboratories in Geneva. They retired to Fort Collins in 1993.

In Los Alamos, Flo was a science/engineering librarian and editor. Her greatest love was classical music, and she was a constant concert goer. She was also a dedicated traveler, visiting 25 countries and all but three of the 50 states. An avid reader, she enjoyed literature, history, and the study of French culture—its music, art, and language. Her life was marked with a love of the out-of-doors, especially the mountains, where she spent much of her adult

years skiing, snowshoeing, hiking in the forests, and walking among the wildflowers.

Flo was a member of the Front Range Forum and OSHER (Learning in Retirement), the American Library Association, the Colorado Mountain Club, the Newcomers Alumni Association, Friends of the Library, and the Fort Collins Symphony Guild, and was a contributor to several community organizations. She enjoyed being a CSU Rams women's sports supporter, and had a lifetime affection for baseball, including being a Colorado Rockies fan.

Flo is survived by her daughter Nanette Butler Shannon of Denver, her granddaughter Caitlin Rose Shannon and great granddaughter Lina Engebretson of Chicago, and sister and brother-in-law Mary Kay and Marvin Layman of Tulsa. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law George Shannon (2017). A Celebration of Life will be held at The Lodge at MacKenzie Place (4751 Pleasant Oak Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525) on Friday August 12, 2022, at noon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Flo may be made to either of the following:

A college fund that was created for her long-awaited great granddaughter Lina, born in December of 2021. Please make checks payable to Lina Engebretson and mail to Goes Funeral Care, 3665 Canal Drive, Suite E, Fort Collins, CO 80525, who will forward donations to the college scholarship fund.

or

United Way of Larimer County  
525 West Oak St. Suite 101

Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<https://uwaylc.org/give>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 12. 12:00 PM (MT)

The Lodge at Mackenzie Place  
4751 Pleasant Oak Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall



“ *Flo Butler*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Flo was so much a part of MacKenzie Place! She was a good friend to my mother (Elizabeth Adams) and always had a conversation ready when my husband and I were there!*

Allison Horn - August 11, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nan Shannon - July 28, 2022 at 09:11 AM



*She was a precious, fresh and fun as a sunflower!*

Loy Hardy - August 11, 2022 at 12:41 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Flo*



Thompson Family - July 27, 2022 at 01:06 PM

NS

*Fondue in the hot tub!*

Nan Shannon - July 27, 2022 at 05:39 PM

NS

*From Left to Right standing: Lynn Wilson, Ed Cort (it was his birthday), and Bonnie Wilson  
In pool clockwise from left: Joe Thompson, Lois Thompson, ?, Flo Butler, Judy Cort*

Nan Shannon - July 27, 2022 at 09:36 PM

KL

“ *Sincere condolences to Nanette and family on the passing of her mother, Flo.*

*I remember Mrs. Butler as the ever- energetic, ready-to-go mom, always up for an outing or fun activity. Twinkling eyes under that beautiful crop of curly redhair-a thoroughly lovely lady.*

Katherine T Landschulz - July 24, 2022 at 06:01 PM

NS

*Thank you for your kind thoughts, Kathy—I remember playing together with both our loving Moms when we were very young.*

Nan Shannon - July 26, 2022 at 08:55 AM

LH

“ *Flo was a fun Aunt to have! She always planned fun, outdoorsy things to do. She had lovely classical music playing and described the golden aspens as "Glorious!" She was a sweet mom to my cousin and a good sister to my mom.*



Loy Beth Hardy - July 17, 2022 at 11:53 PM

NS

*Thank you, dear cousin!*

Nan Shannon - July 27, 2022 at 10:51 AM

SM

“ *Flo always had a big smile and something interesting to talk about. I loved her enthusiasm for life!*

Sarah Warren Middleleer - July 17, 2022 at 09:15 AM

NS

*Lots and lots to talk about 😊*

Nan Shannon - July 17, 2022 at 10:17 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Flo*



Nan Shannon - July 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM

LE

“ *Flo Butler was on the First Presbyterian church Fort Collins library board with my mother Grace Giles.*

Lois Eynon - July 10, 2022 at 06:35 PM

NS

*She loved working in that library!*

Nan Shannon - July 12, 2022 at 10:22 AM



*Flo is the grandmother of Caitlin, my daughter, Jessye's closest and dearest friend. Flo was kind enough to "adopt" Jessye as one of the family.*

**Gina Sinopoli** - July 17, 2022 at 12:03 AM



*I have to say Nan, the resemblance is striking, you look so much like your mother in the photo above*

**Gina Sinopoli** - July 17, 2022 at 12:05 AM



*She loved Jessye, and would always ask about her, and brag about how brilliant she was!*

**Nan Shannon** - July 17, 2022 at 10:19 PM



*Thank you, Gina! She loved Jessye.*

**Nan Shannon** - July 18, 2022 at 12:09 PM



*I was also on the First Presbyterian Library Committee with Flo and I enjoyed our friendship during that time. We continued to chat now and then after that as I was visiting someone at McKenzie Place and would run into her. She was spunky and pleasant and sure loved her Hal and her daughter and granddaughter....spoke very highly of each of them many times..and loved music. I am sure the family misses her. She was loved and cared for by them as she mentioned that also. My sympathy and wish for comfort to all in her family.*

**Linda Wagner** - July 18, 2022 at 06:06 PM



*Thank you, Linda!*

**Nan Shannon** - July 23, 2022 at 07:15 PM

TF

*We would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful times we had with Flo and Hal and other friends. We felt such a feeling of love and support and loved doing things together from hot tubs to the Grand Canyon. One of our favorite things was visiting Flo and Hal and having Nan play the piano. We send love and prayers to the whole family.*

*Thompsons*

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**Thompson Family** - July 27, 2022 at 12:52 PM

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*Thank you, Lois! Great picture 😊*

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**Nan Shannon** - July 27, 2022 at 05:38 PM