



Heide J. Farnham

May 31, 1939 - May 10, 2026

Heide J. Farnham (née Schmidt), born in Karlsruhe, Germany, spent her earlier years in the Chicago area before moving to Colorado in 1979, most recently residing in Laporte and Fort Collins.

She was the beloved mother of Stuart Brosh and the late Dawn Woronovitch. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Julia Schmidt (née Schleifer), and her daughter Dawn Woronovitch (née Brosh).

Heide is survived by her son Stuart Brosh (Sheri Tell), her sister Roseann Drucker, her grandchildren Collin (Natasha Haley) and Allie Woronovitch, her great-granddaughters Anastasia and Jazz, and her beloved Dachshund, Ziggy.

Known for her devoted love of animals and her strong opinions, Heide was a steadfast rock to all who knew and loved her. Her presence, guidance, and love will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the animal charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Early beginnings: My first recollection of Heide was while attending Niles Township Lutheran School in Morton Grove, Illinois. Heide and my brother Stuart were in the same grade...the "big kids" to me as I was three years behind them. It was there my brother became "smitten" and the early sparks of love began. Rumors were whispered that Stu and Heide were once seen holding hands during one of the rare times we had educational movies in the darkened gym. Shhhh!*

After 8th grade graduation and confirmation at St. John's Lutheran Church in Niles, they then went off to separate high schools but managed to stay in touch at church youth functions. But it was when Heide turned 16 (I think) and was gifted by her parents a shiny Thunderbird convertible, that Stu's interest in Heide truly blossomed! And, shall we say, the rest is history. A sweet little home in Schaumburg, an adorable baby boy, Stuart II, and then 5 years later a little girl, Dawn Elizabeth, who was there to welcome her mom into a new and wonderful world. And those were the early beginnings.

As Heide's sister-in-law, I always noticed how well she did everything. And I especially enjoyed the German influence in hers and her mother's cooking, a very special treat.

The good memories that form who we are because of who we have known will live on forever. I am grateful that Heide was a part of mine.

Suzanne Roesing

Aunt Sue Roesing - May 14 at 02:49 PM

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“ My sweetest memory of Heide is one of the times that I took her to the Lee Martinez farm and they had baby goats that were less than a week old. There was only one other person there besides us. They let Heide hold on to one of the babies. And the smile on her face and the smile and sparkles in her eyes were such a blessing to see. 💖 Definitely one of the happiest moment that I have seen in the 15 years or so that I have known her. She certainly didn't want to leave. 😊 We were there for a very long time! And I am sure she is helping out in the animal section of Heaven now. With Jesus and plenty of goats! 🐐

Lisa Foster - May 14 at 10:38 AM

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Stu and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ wrap his loving arms around all of you, comforting you at this difficult time.
Mary Jane

Mary Fiduccia - May 14 at 01:23 PM

CW

I love you Uncle Stu and I am so sorry for your loss. 😭❤️

Grandma Heide, you were always there for me as a child. You were the best baby sitter I ever had. I have dozens of memories traveling across the country with you and my Mom. (I'll never forget going to the petting zoo, and Sea World.) May you rest easy in Heaven with my mom. Prayers to my family and Grandma's friends in this time of loss.

Collin Woronovitch - May 14 at 09:49 PM

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Dear Stu and families. It is with a heavy heart that I send my condolences to you in the loss of your loved one, and my dear friend, Heide.

Our relationship goes back quite some time to our school years of 1954. We shared many laughs, as well as tears over these times with one another.

When visits became impossible, our telephone lines were burning up. Our conversations always ended up with an "I love you" and "God bless you."

I now ask our Heavenlyj Father to hear your prayers for strength as you pass through these times ahead. He will hear you! Fondly, Heidi Liebig

Heidi - May 17 at 09:04 PM