



## Jean C. Weitz

August 22, 2020

Jean Weitz, 95, died Saturday, August 22, in Fort Collins of natural causes. Anyone whose life she touched will remember her for her wide, warm smile, her wit and humor, her giving nature and her kindness.

Born to Morris and Harriet Corthell in Wyoming, Jean was the youngest of three surviving daughters. She grew up in Laramie and graduated from the University of Wyoming. She was active with her sorority and earned a degree in childhood education. During World War II, she volunteered with the Red Cross.

In December, 1949, she married Joe Weitz, a geologist who had come to Wyoming to work on a US Geological Survey project. After living in several different places, they moved to Fort Collins in 1960 when Joe took a teaching position at Colorado State University.

Jean was the first director of volunteer services at Poudre Valley Hospital, a position she held for 12 years. During her tenure she opened opportunities for boys as well as girls to be junior volunteers and encouraged men to volunteer along with women. She started and administered a helpline service at PVH, Lifeline, through which people could call for assistance in emergency situations. Jean retired in 1989.

Jean and Joe were charter members of the Northern Colorado chapter of the Friendship Force, a foreign exchange program whose slogan is “A World of Friends Is a World of Peace.” Through the program the Weitzes traveled to New Zealand, Australia and Europe and hosted guests from Georgia, Russia and other countries.

The Weitzes were also instrumental in initiating an adult education program, the Front Range Forum, now a vibrant part of the Fort Collins Senior Center with hundreds of participants which allows individuals to take short-term classes on a wide variety of subjects, paying only a small membership fee.

True to her nature, Jean volunteered for several organizations— making costumes for the Fort Collins Children’s Theater and eventually heading the costume department; delivering Meals on Wheels, and organizing a circle of support for friends in need of care. She was also active in the League of Women Voters, serving as president of the local chapter and attending national conventions. Jean was a member of what Nancy Gray’s husband, William Gray, humorously dubbed the “petticoat mafia,” a group of women who had been involved in his wife’s campaign for mayor and who successfully lobbied for the sign code, limiting sign height and billboards in Fort Collins.

Jean loved people, dogs, opera, classical music and reading. Service, community, connection and curiosity guided her life. Her many interests included swimming, hiking, sewing, entertaining, bicycling, skiing, playing bridge and following the Tour de France. The family cabin in the Snowy Range of Wyoming was a lifelong source of fun, adventure and inspiration. Over the years, Jean and Joe were involved with Timnath Presbyterian Church and Foothills Unitarian Church.

When Joe died in 2015, the couple had been married 65 years. Jean continued the couple’s devotion to their families and many friends. Surviving

Jean are her daughter Sally Weitz-Michie of New Braunfels, Texas, her son Leonard Weitz of Fort Collins, Colorado, her daughter Phoebe Weitz of Fort Collins, her son-in-law Rex Michie, step-granddaughter Michelle and Corey Luhrs, step-grandson Adam Michie, and five great-grandchildren, daughter-in-law Maureen Weitz, grandson Michael Weitz and his wife, Leila, and six loving nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her sisters Miriam, Amy and Phoebe and her granddaughter, Valerie Weitz, who died in 1998.

The family is grateful to the staffs of Pathways Hospice, Aspyre Rock Creek and Seniors Helping Seniors for their dedicated and loving care. An online celebration of her life is planned for September 26, 2020, at 11 a.m. MDT. The Zoom link to this online celebration is below. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO, 80525.

Topic: Jean Weitz Celebration of Life

Time: Sep 26, 2020 11:00 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

Online / Streaming

# Tribute Wall



“ Jean C. Weitz

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ This is from Margaret and Rex Kellums. I, Margaret, was so very blessed to know the Weitz family because of my being Phoebe's Third Grade teacher at Timnath Elementary School--back in 1964-65 (66?) era. I was a young 22-23 year old, newly married, here from Texas, my home state. Jean invited me to their home several times for tea after school. I shall never forget her kind and welcoming hospitality to a newdomer. I have loved seeing Phoebe at The Cupboard now and then. The last time I saw Jean was briefly at the Worthington...and had hoped for another visit...that never happened. I was glad to read about her remarkable life--never realized she had started so many wonderful, helpful things for Ft. Collins. I was also blessed to know Nancy Gray--with Rex and I living in Ft Collins all 56! years of our married life. We regret that we did not know the rest of the family very well. Jean shall live always in our hearts and fond memories. Love never dies! May God bless and keep each of you in His love and care Always! Margaret Kellums

Margaret Kellums - September 26, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to know Jean and Joe in the early 2000's, as members of our sad group - The Compassionate Friends. They opened their home to our group for meetings and provided computer skills for membership data. Mostly, they opened their hearts to all of us who grieve lost children, while they also grieved their beloved grand daughter. Jean and Joe will also hold a special place in my heart.

*Kathy Anderson*

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**kathy anderson** - September 13, 2020 at 10:06 AM

JS

“ We have fond memories of Jean and Joe as Timnath neighbors.

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**Joan and Lyndel Saxbury** - August 31, 2020 at 06:37 PM

BE

“ Wonderful memories of Mrs. Weitz and family while living in Timnath.

*Bev Rae McBride*

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**Bev** - August 31, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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“ It was a delight to know and work with Jean- as Director of Volunteers at PVH from 1977- 1989?. My memories include: She was classie & inspirational in her approach & style with volunteers; department managers; administration. She had to make change e.g. delete the afternoon coffee/juice cart delivered to all patients. There " was no free lunch" for this service. It was an expense cutting measure. She was caring with a beautiful smile. She shared many wonderful stories about her family- her husband- the geologist- (& her moon ring); her daughters; her life in Timnath; your cabin in the Mummy Range with a view close to Rocky Mtn National Park. I enjoyed knowing her; and her kindness. She made an impression on me . I will miss her. May she rest in peace. My deepest sympathy, Sharyn H. Salmen RN MSN MBA.



Sharyn H Salmen - August 31, 2020 at 03:27 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - August 27, 2020 at 01:31 PM