



Jeanette Arlene Hendrickson

September 12, 2019

Jeanette “Nettie” Arlene Hendrickson, 81, of Fort Collins, CO fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, 12 September at home after a prolonged battle with dementia.

Jeanette was born and raised in Steamboat Springs, CO, the eighth of nine children and graduated from Steamboat Springs High school. She briefly attended Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA but transferred to Rockmont College (now Colorado Christian University) in Longmont, CO.

She began playing the piano as a small girl and was gifted in improvisational playing music from memory. She played for church services and for her high school choir. Piano was her favorite past time, reading mystery novels was her next favorite.

While she was away at college, her mother was diagnosed with late stage cancer and Jeanette lost her closest friend. She was still quite emotionally attached to her mother, but when she came home for her summer vacation, God had a lonesome young man, Bill Hendrickson, waiting to meet her ... a filling station attendant who would give her the full service treatment; wash windshield, check oil and water, check tires ... all for a 25 cent purchase of gas. He was sure she had a fellow and that she wouldn't fall for a skinny hick from the sticks ... but he sure liked her. She needed someone to transfer her love and loneliness to ... as did he and that began the story of their lives. She went back to college, and they began their courtship via USPS. After she got out of school next summer, they decided that mail courtship was going to cease and they were married that summer.

The new couple lived in Steamboat Springs that winter and through the next spring and summer. Then they decided to move to Boulder, CO where Bill wanted to eventually continue his education. He was hired by Safeway Stores at an entry level position and they found a humble basement apartment and settled in. Jeanette was happy with life as a full-time wife ... and soon ... a new mommie. The two were now three ... and soon ... four. Bill Jr. was born followed within a couple years by Nikki. “We will raise a family ... a boy for you and a girl for me.”

It took a few years to be able for Bill to enter college, but eventually they were able to get student housing and Bill joined the 'night stocking' crew, went to the school in the daytime, and slept when he wasn't at one place or the other. Jeanette took the task of raising tuition money by doing daytime child care. She also took on the role of mommy and daddy, doing the budget, paying the bills, running the errands, enrolling the children in school, keeping the family in church and keeping the family glued together. Truly she earned a well deserved PHT (Put Hubby Through) degree.

Jeanette's faith in Jesus Christ has been the glue that she used to keep the family close together. Throughout the years she saw that we attended church faithfully and that the children came to a saving knowledge of Christ. She saw that our household was Christocentric.

When Bill graduated from college that brought about a large change for the family. Bill's chosen field of engineering was satisfied by accepting a position with Hughes Aircraft Company in El Segundo, CA. This was a large lifestyle change for the whole family, new town, new schools, new budget, new job, no limits on the city ... one city ran into the next city which ran into the next city ... there was no little quiet drives in the country every day because the country drive was hours away through the crowded traffic of the city. The whole family was homesick and as soon as possible returned to Colorado where Bill was eventually rehired by Hughes Aircraft Company in Aurora, CO.

No more renting ... commuting to Aurora from Boulder every day while working rotation shifts again placed Jeanette into the role of single mother. The landlord gave us the option to buy the house or find other housing, because they wanted to sell the house. Their asking price was significantly higher than Jeanette could budget ... but ... if we wanted to buy a new house in Aurora, we would have money left since the price of the house was a third lower than the Boulder house, plus the expense of time and gasoline to commute would be gone. We purchased a new house in Aurora and became owner rather than tenants and our lifestyle was more normal.

Soon, the children were out on their own or off to college and Jeanette had an empty nest. She busied herself with practicing her piano and reading mystery novels. Bill enacted a new law at work ... Wednesday is 'lunch with wifey day' and we held that rule until we retired.

With the rapid growth of Aurora and with the children out on their own, we decided to sell the Aurora house and buy a new house in the country southeast of Aurora near Elizabeth,

CO. The hubbub of the city was now surrendered to the peace and quiet of country living.

Upon Bill's retirement, we decided to sell the Elizabeth property and scale down to a nice little ranch style house in Fort Collins where Jeanette lived and loved the retirement years.

Jeanette is survived by her spouse, Bill, son, Bill Jr. (Amy), daughter Nikki (Dan) Crosson, seven grandchildren, brother Clifford (Donna) Ohman, sisters, Marilyn Hendry, Gayle (John) Mauch and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters Maxine Ohman, Beatrice Neish, and Audrey Jessing, and brothers James Ohman and Bob Ohman.

Services will be held at Timberline Church in Fort Collins, CO at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 19th, Pastor Darell Hailey officiating. A reception will follow the service with interment at 2:30 pm at Roselawn Cemetery on east Mulberry Ave.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jeanette's hospice care providers at myhalcyon.org of Mead, CO.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

2718 East Mulberry Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/roselawn.php>

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Funeral Service

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jeanette Arlene Hendrickson*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Bill, Nancy an I are very sorry for the repose of your "Lady" as you always called her and rightly so. We will always miss her winning smile an greeting when she saw either of us. I know she genuinely loved us as we loved her. I think you know Bill, that we are here, right next door for you any time you need us an any time we would need you as we probably will call on you as always. Especially if I should ever buy another used riding mower, as you probably remember. In Christs love, Nancy Mary and Paul*

Paul Lucia - September 23, 2019 at 06:57 PM



Thank you dear neighbors. Thank you for your loving prayers and support.

Bill Hendrickson and family - October 01, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ *Thank you for the audio of Aunt Jeanette playing the piano, and the video. The love you shared shines through.*
Love, Debbie

Debbie Ohman - September 23, 2019 at 06:07 PM



Thank you, Debbie and Jerry

Bill Hendrickson and family - October 01, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Jeanette's slide show*



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - September 23, 2019 at 04:26 PM



Through the years with my Jeanette ...

William Hendrickson - September 23, 2019 at 05:02 PM

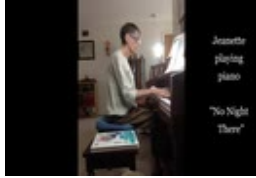
PM

Awww. I so enjoyed your tribute. I know so many of the pictures and times. I am so happy you had each other for so long. Love you Uncle Bill

PJ Much - September 23, 2019 at 09:29 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album *Jeanette and her piano*



Bill Hendrickson - September 23, 2019 at 03:30 PM



Gifted with improvisation. She would hear the melody of a song, then play it with her improvised cords and embellishments ...

William Hendrickson - September 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM

PL

Beautiful! A really elite talent by our wonderful Neighbor Jeanette. Rest in Peace Jeanette. You are definitely missed by all that knew you.

Paul Lucia - September 23, 2019 at 06:49 PM

BS

“ *Bill Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Arlene Hendrickson*



Bill Stevenson - September 19, 2019 at 10:46 AM

BF

Thank you for your prayers, Bill.

Bill Hendrickson and family - October 01, 2019 at 01:15 PM

BS

“ *Uncle Bill, Nikki & Bill Jr.,*

We are so sorry for your loss and pray that you are comforted with the love and compassion that can only come from above. We hope that your tears of sadness will soon turn to tears of joy as you celebrate aunt Jeanette's life, rejoice in the memories she has given you and find comfort knowing that she is with the Lord!

May His blessings be overabundant to you and your family this day.

With all our love,

Bill & Suzanne Stevenson

Bill Stevenson - September 19, 2019 at 10:44 AM

BF

Thank you, dear Ones.

Bill Hendrickson and family - October 01, 2019 at 01:15 PM

BR

“ *My Aunt Netty was such an amazing person and Aunt. When I got married and was homesick living so far from home she would write to me 2 or 3 times a week to give me encouragement and send love.*

She was my mom's best friend and I will never forget going to Boulder every week to hang out with Aunt Netty, going to Crossroads mall, having a coke and that they were so funny together. Aunt Netty always had her entire outfit coordinated, she was quite the fashionista. I will miss her!

Love you Aunt Netty, rest in peace!

Brenda - September 19, 2019 at 10:08 AM

JM

“ *John Mauch lit a candle in memory of Jeanette Arlene Hendrickson*



John Mauch - September 17, 2019 at 06:31 PM