



Mary Clarkin

September 15, 1941 - March 29, 2010

Mary Clarkin, 68, of Eaton, formerly of Fort Collins, passed away March 29, 2010 at Pathways Hospice Care Center at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, after a courageous battle with cancer. Mary Ilene Hanks was born to Dale and Mary Hanks on September 15, 1941 in Fort Riley, Kansas. She was the third of five children. Mary grew up in the midwest and after her father's retirement from the military, her family settled in the Lake City, Iowa area. Mary graduated from Lake City High School in May of 1959. Mary and her husband, Edward Clarkin "the boy next door" were united in marriage on August 23, 1959. In 1961, on the flip of a coin, they chose to move to Fort Collins instead of Florida. They settled in Fort Collins and started their family. They had three children, Suzanne, Bill and Dean. Mary worked for and retired from Colorado State University. She worked for the Natural Resource Ecology Lab, the Accounts Payable Department, College of Natural Sciences and CSMATE. Mary was known for the smile she greeted everyone with when they came into her office. Mary loved working with all the students throughout her years there. Mary's family was her pride and joy and she loved spending time with them, but her biggest joy was her five grandchildren, Eric, Natalie, Tommy, Ryan and Shane. She loved her family with all her heart. Mary is survived by her husband of 50 years, Edward, daughter, Suzanne (Marty) Hansen of Austin, Texas, son, Bill (Patty) Clarkin of Fort Collins, son, Dean (Christa) Clarkin of Wellington, and her five grandchildren, Eric and Natalie Hansen, Tommy Clarkin, Ryan and Shane Clarkin. She is also survived by her

mother, Mary Gunderson of Menno, South Dakota, brother, Gary Hanks of Eaton, Colorado and sisters, Barbara Andrews of Lake City, Iowa and Sandra Hein of Greenville, South Carolina. Mary is preceded in death by her father, Dale Hanks, her stepfather, Leonard Gunderson and brother, Donald Hanks. A celebration of Mary's life will be held at Timberline Church on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary's name to Pathways Hospice of Larimer County, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Clarkin*

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“ *We will miss your incredible laugh. We hear it in Suzanne. Rest in Peace.*

The Dodge Family - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We both worked with the Clarkins for many years and became friends, enjoying eating at Pobre Panchos, going "pit touring" and doing some local traveling as well. We will miss Mary's wonderful sense of humor.*

Eddie, we have a meeting with the County at the same time as the funeral, so we will have to get together with you another time to remember Mary.

We're thinking of you and yours.

Tim and Kristy Lahnert - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I met Mary when I was hired as a graphic artist at NREL in the eighties and I remember her friendly smile. She was always in good mood and knew everyone there. She made it easier for me to adapt to my new job and I was thankful for that.*

Michele Nelson - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ *It is with great sadness that I learned of Mary's passing. She always had a smiling face and a kind heart. Her true love in the Natural Sciences Dean's Office was her work with the students, who she guided seamlessly through their first year on campus. She will truly be missed.*

Georgeann Venis - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *May God's peace surround all of you during this very difficult time. I know from Christa that Mary was a very special person and loved her family with all her heart. I pray you take comfort in her love and in her memory. God bless and keep you in His tender care.*

Rosie Haught - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Ed and family:
My sincere condolences for your loss. Mary was a joy to work with for many years at NREL-CSU. I have many fond memories of our fun times together at work, bowling and various other events. She was always a very sweet and caring friend and was so full of laughter and mischief. Mary will be greatly missed. May God's peace be with you!*

Kay Knuth (formerly McElwain) - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I was so saddened to hear of Mary's battle with cancer and her passing. My condolences. I know she loved her family so very much. May your faith and love for each other sustain you at this time. When I worked with Mary at NREL, we had so many fun times. Mary was always laughing and cutting up and you could never keep a straight face when you were around her. She will be missed. God bless you all.

Linda McFann - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I worked with Mary at the old NREL building from 1979 to 1990. I am very sorry to hear about her illness and her passing, she was a good friend.

Mary Jane Klepac - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have known Mary for almost 40 years. We bowled and worked together. She was a very special friendly person. Her great attitude and smile made her a great asset to NREL. My sympathies are with her family.

Karen Bradley - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Never seen her with out a smile !

jim hansen - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I will always remember her smile the day I visited her at PVH and we talked about "the incident" at the Chugwater Ranch. I think she is on my side about that time. I am sorry I can't be there to celebrate her life, but I will be in spirit. Butch

Butch Gardner - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Billie, Patty and family
Max and I, Butch, Brenda, and their families, and Sister Carol would like to express our sorrow in the loss of your mother, we are sending our prayers and thinking of you and yours, hopefully time will help you deal with your grief
Love from all of us.*

Kitty Moyer - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *You were such an amazing person Grandma, I will live each day for you and God. I love you and will miss you dearly with all the pieces of my heart.*

Eric Hansen - March 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM