



Mary Rita Dove

May 24, 1930 - February 8, 2020

Mary Rita Dove, 89, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, February 8, 2020, with family present.

Mary was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to parents who moved her and 2 brothers to Ft. Collins in the early 1940's. Here they were among the first two families of Jehovah's Witnesses, of which she became a longtime member. Her favorite scriptures were Proverbs 3:5 and 6.

Soon after, the family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where Mary would later graduate from Cheyenne High. It was in Cheyenne where Mary met the love of her life – Clarence Carol "Curly" Dove. After marrying, the couple made several out of state moves before settling back in Ft. Collins. She became known for being a motor-route paper carrier, childcare provider and care giver for her husband.

Mary is preceded in death by her husband, 2 daughters, 1 son, parents, 4 brothers, 1 grandson and 3 sons-in-law. Survived in death by 3 daughters, 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 1 son-in-law, 1-sister in law, 10 grandchildren, great grandchildren and her dog, Spring.

Memorial Services will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on Vine Drive on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Private family reception to follow.

The family thanks you all for your continued love and support.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **22**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
2217 West Vine Drive
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rita Dove*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *It's been many years since Mary came to visit our family (Hutcheson's) on the farm in Iowa. She was a dear friend to my aunt Maud. I remember visiting her in Ft. Collins and going to the Dove home for Walleye fish fries. Sadly we lost touch over the years but look forward to all meeting again in paradise. Jean Johannsen (Hutcheson)*

Jean Johannsen - February 26, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ *She was an amazing woman. A generous, loving, hard working straight shooter. I always knew where Mary stood and I loved her for her forthrightness and her determination to keep moving forward in spite of the many challenges she faced in her life. She was, and likely continues to be, a strong presence in the lives of those she loves.*

My sincere condolences to her family.

Bonnie Shetler - February 21, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *We were so very sorry and saddened to hear about the end of Mary's earthly journey. She was a very dear and special Friend and a cherished Sister. We are so grateful for the special times we shared with Mary. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loving family. Mike and Kathy Ferris*

Michael James Ferris - February 15, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *When I first moved to CO in 1967 with my husband Dave Grenz I remember Mary as the mother of many children and wondered how she took care of such a large family but she did and she did it well. She also cared for her spiritual life as well. A truly amazing wife, mother and spiritual sister Linda Grenz*

Linda Grenz - February 15, 2020 at 04:28 PM