



Pauline McKean

July 21, 1917 - March 9, 2015

Pauline Bateman McKean, 97, of Fort Collins, died March 9, 2015. She was born in Loveland, Colorado, July 21, 1917, the third of five children of Grace and Andrew Bateman.

She grew up in Loveland and graduated from Loveland High School in 1935. Pauline earned Bachelor of Science (1939) and Masters of Education (1949) degrees in Vocational Home Economics from Colorado A&M (Colorado State Univ). Over a 20 year period she taught Home Economics, Nutrition and Chemistry courses in several high schools, Nebraska State Teachers College (Chadron, NE), and Mesa College (Grand Junction). Her unusual experiences as a young teacher in the Great Depression and World War II were the source of endless stories.

During and after her teaching career, Pauline's greatest professional interest was vocational education and she was very active in the Colorado Vocational Association (CVA). She served as its Executive Director for 15 years and published its News Letter for 25 years. She also served 6 years as a member of the Colorado Governing Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education. She received Outstanding Service Awards from both the American and Colorado Vocational Associations. She was a member of the CVA Hall of Fame. In 1980 she received the Honor Alumna Award from Colorado State University for Outstanding Professional Achievement.

Pauline married Bill McKean and his four children on July 25, 1959. Throughout their 48-year marriage they were committed members of the United Methodist Church, first in Meeker and then Fort Collins. Pauline was active in the First United Methodist Vashti Circle for many years in Fort Collins. With her death, her family has lost its matriarch, greatest character, story teller and historian. Pauline was preceded in death by her husband in 2008, two brothers, Andrew and Warren, and two sisters, Louise and Virginia. She is survived by sons Bill and his wife Carol, Marty and his wife Mary, Jim and his wife Lina, daughter Mary Ann Wright and her husband Wes, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held March 31, 2015 at 10:30am, in the Chapel of the First United Methodist Church at 1005 Stover St., Fort Collins. A reception will be held at the church after the service. Donations in Pauline's memory can be made to the Lucile Fee Scholarship Fund at Colorado State University or the First United Methodist Foundation, Fort Collins, CO.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 31. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
1005 Stover Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
<http://www.fcfumc.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pauline McKean*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *May it comfort you to know others are thinking of you at this difficult time.*

John O. Walker

Susan - March 19, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ *Pauline has been a friend of mine since I attended CSU and majored in vocational home economics back in the 70's. That was a common bond we both shared. She was a personal and professional guide to me and great role model through Colorado Vocational Association. My mother, Juanita Roberts, taught at CSU in the Vocational Education Department and counted Pauline as one of her dearest friends. They attended many of the same home economics meetings at the state and national levels and shared numerous fun activities and memories. Mom and I visited Pauline often throughout the years and looked forward to the stories and pranks she ALWAYS had. Pauline always had ideas and suggestions for us about any number of things, always well thought out, and presented with her contagious sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by my mother and I.*

Pam Mannon and Juanita Roberts - March 17, 2015 at 11:42 PM

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“ *Chrissy McCollom lit a candle in memory of Pauline McKean*



Chrissy McCollom - March 10, 2015 at 10:37 AM