



Shirley Baskett

March 26, 2931 - March 9, 2011

Shirley Ann Baskett of Fort Collins went to rest with the Lord on March 9, 2011 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Shirley was born on March 26, 1931 in Great Falls, Montana to Henry and Helen Cottle. She grew up in the small town of Augusta, Montana which she always credited with having the greatest rodeo. While Shirley was still in high school she became a stunt pilot of an open cockpit bi-plane. Shirley carried that independent spirit throughout her entire life. Shirley graduated from Montana State University in 1953 with a degree in business. On June 18th 1950, Shirley married John Leslie Baskett. They were married for 47 years when John passed away in 1997. John's work as a civil engineer required them to relocate several times during his career. Over the course of their marriage they moved from South Dakota, to Pennsylvania to the Bahamas, to Oregon and ultimately to Fort Collins. Shirley had spent most of her life as a home maker until moving to Fort Collins in 1974. Shirley went to work managing Julian's in downtown Fort Collins and later she co-owned a bridal store for a number of years with a close friend. Upon retiring, Shirley enjoyed playing bridge with her friends, reading, bowling and especially spending time with her grandchildren. Shirley appreciated the arts her entire life and was a dedicated volunteer for both the Canyon Concert Ballet Company and the Fort Collins Symphony Guild, serving in varying capacities for both organizations. Shirley is survived by her sister Beverly Allen (Buck) of Augusta, Montana, her children, John L. Baskett Jr. (Charlotte) of Casper, Wyoming and Andrea Faucett (Mike) of Fort Collins, her

grandchildren Tyler Faucett and Michelle Faucett of Fort Collins, Carrie Price of Billings, Montana, Chris Nace of Gray, Louisiana. A Memorial Service will be held at Faith Evangelical Free Church at 11:00 am on Tuesday March 15th, which is located at 3920 S. Shields Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Goes Funeral Care.

Tribute Wall



“ Shirley Baskett

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“ *It was a privilege to be with Shirley the last few months of her life caring for physical and spiritual needs. Shirley was spirited and independent up to the end of her life. She showed so much dignity and determination to live life to her last breath. She didn't want anyone to think she was a wimp so we were not allowed to use the word "pain", only "discomfort". It was such a blessing to be a part of her life, her family's life, and that of her friends. I loved hearing stories about her life and her many adventures and life experiences. I will miss seeing her "signature" wide eyes and raised eyebrows" when she wanted to make a point! I will never forget her last conscious moment on Tuesday March 8 - a wide smile, raised eyebrows, and her eyes open to the fullest. I will greatly miss her and am so thankful for the opportunity to grow to love dear Shirley.*

Cheryl Anderson - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shirley and I were very good friends and did a lot of things together. We celebrated each others birthdays, played bridge, laughed and talked. She was such a joy to be with and I always looked forward to our times together. I am so sorry she has left us and I will miss her greatly.*

Marianne Morrison - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Shirley and John were our neighbors for many years. I worked with her both on volunteer projects and in business several times and always loved her sense of humor and sense of independence. It was a pleasure to have known her.

Carol & Paul Gresky - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Shirley was a good friend. We played bridge in a couple of gatherings. I much admired her through this time of her life. She did handle herself with dignity and went through several difficult procedures. We will miss her and speak of her with sadness and respect, and smile as we recall her sense of humor.

Virginia Swanson - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We are friends and neighbors to Mike and Andrea Faucett and met Shirley through Andrea. We know Shirley was loved by them very much and she seemed very much involved with helping them in their day to day lives. I would see her at the health club sometimes when she would go to Andrea's classes and she was such an inspiration! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mike, Andrea, Tyler and Michelle. Their beloved mother and grandmother will be deeply missed. God Bless you all!!

Dan and Tammy Mackey - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ I worked for Shirley at Nancy Ann Bridal. She taught me so much. She inspired me daily. I have been in Denver for many years and have not stayed in touch, but Shirley would periodically see my Grandma-Velda and ask about me ...that always made me feel so good! Shirley made an amazing impact on my life! May all your wonderful memories bring you some peace through this very difficult time.
God Bless

Wendy Acott-Sawyer - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Friend of John & Charlie
Best wishes at these times.

George Hart - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ We knew Shirley from the time I worked with John at Reid Burton Construction Co. and later purchased B&C Project Services from them. We always found Shirley to be a wonderful lady, happy, funny, and loving of her husband and family. We're very sorry to hear of Shirley's passing.

Bill Kraus - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Andrea,
I am so very sorry to hear about the death of your mother. I know how difficult this must be for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Even though I never met your mother, I know she was a wonderful person and that you loved her very much. I'm sure you will miss her.
May God bless you and your family during this time and always.
Mimi

Mimi Short Somermeyer - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ Shirley worked hard for CCB as Treasurer and Board member, opened her home for meetings and to house CCB costumes, and then working with Jane to start the Guild. She was always there to do whatever work needed doing. I'm so sorry I didn't know she was ill.

Lou Anne Yee - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Andrea: Your Mom sounds like quite a Lady. I would like to have met and talked with her about her adventures.

Our condolences.

Steve Long and Family

Steve Long - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Our sincere condolences for your loss. Losing a parent leaves a hole in your life that can't ever really be filled but something we all face. Your parents somehow make the world seem like a safer place and it's very lonely feeling when that's taken away. Please know that all your friends feel your loss and are, at least in spirit, with you at this time.

Dan Kengott - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I became acquainted with Shirley through my Rotary relationship with John. Whenever I was around her she always had a warm smile and you felt she was a close friend. I know she will be missed yet a great legacy will remain.
I am sorry to not be able to attend the memorial service. My thoughts and well wishes go out to the entire family.

Mark Goldrich - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Andrea and Johnny and grandchildren

Shirley was an absolutely wonderful person and she will be so missed by you all, and also by her many friends. She was the type of person that I aspire to become; gentle, so interesting, interested in many topics, gracious, lively, and fun. Shirley was strong in spirit until the very end of her life. I wish I could have attended Shirley's service as it would have helped with closure. Good-by dear friend.

Jackie Roberts - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Andrea and Mike,

Shirley and I became friends many years ago when you all lived basically around the corner from us. Shirley was a lovely person and a highly respected member of our community. I also enjoyed her daughter - as did my sons, Scott and Bryan, with whom she (you) used to babysit. We will all miss Shirley!

Most recently, I helped Shirley rid herself of snakes in her basement window well! She told everyone I was a snake charmer which would have been impressive had they been anything but garter snakes (small and harmless.)

Shirley and I shared the same birthday club, high water bills, slightly wicked personalities and love of having fun. She was a gem and is now cozied in heaven I am sure. Hugs and kisses to all of you.

Susan and James Cole - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM