



## Stella A. Snyder

November 17, 2022

Stella Snyder, 88, of Fort Collins, died November 17, 2022, at Brookdale Senior Living in Fort Collins from complications attributed to COVID-19. Stella Ann Trembley was born August 29, 1934, in Grand Junction, Colorado, to Leo and Martha (Lockman) Trembley. The family moved to Fort Collins in 1949.

After graduation from Fort Collins High School in 1952, Stella was married to Earl J. Snyder in 1954; divorced in 1982. They shared a love of family, friends and square dancing. From 1977 until 1999 she worked in the quality department at Woodward, where she enjoyed her work and made lasting friendships.

Stella is survived by her five children who “have been my life.” They are Jay Snyder and Sallie Varner, of Fort Collins; Nola McMillen of Fort Collins; Rex Snyder of Livermore and Fort Collins and his partner, Brenda Flynn; Ward Snyder and his wife, Paula, of Windsor; and Amy Gregory and her husband, David, of Windsor. Grandchildren are Colin Keney, Shauna Adams and Ryan McMillen; great-grandchildren are Jaydon, Jianna and Charles Keney, and Ashe Adams.

Other survivors are her sister Leola Parish of Centennial, Colorado, her sister and brother-in-law Martha Sharon and Jerome Hageman of Lakewood, Colorado, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her

brother David Trembley of Kelso, Washington.

As well as being an avid reader, Stella enjoyed writing poems and prose, including journals of her travels to England, the Netherlands, China and more. She wrote her own obituary (which has been slightly modified) in 2011 and included the following quote from chapter five of *The Dead Secret* (1856) by author Wilkie Collins:

“The great consolation for the loss of the dead who are gone is to be found in the great necessity of thinking of the living who remain.”

Stella chose cremation, with Grandview Cemetery the final resting place. The interment service will be at 11:00 a.m. on December 10, 2022, at Grandview, followed by a luncheon reception at the Agave Room at 149 W. Mountain Avenue in Old Town Fort Collins. All who knew Stella are invited to join us.

# Cemetery Details

## **Grandview Cemetery**

1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ When I retired from the US Air Force in 1975 I had the good luck of buying a home next door to your family. We soon found out that your mother would brighten up a room by just being there. We all became fast friends that has lasted all these years.

Jay, Nola, Rex, Ward, and Amy you had the best mother ever. Know that I will deeply miss Stella. A bright new star now shines in heaven.

*Bill Brennan*

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**Bill Brennan** - December 09, 2022 at 02:27 PM

NM

*Thank you, Bill. We enjoyed being neighbors for so many years.*

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**Nola S McMillen** - December 18, 2022 at 05:05 PM

JO

*I LOVED Stella so much! Her daughter Amy was my best friend in high school and college and I spent ALOT of time in their home! Stella made the best banana bread, zucchini bread and would always bake a cake for my birthday! She was an amazing cook. She would decorate for the holidays and sometimes sing while she played her organ. She always has a garden and her house was always so welcome and comfortable. She was so kind, so loving, so generous - as was her entire family. After I moved away she kept in touch. She even came to visit me in California and we took my then young kids to Disneyland! She was like a mother to me - I loved listening to her stories of when she was young. My deepest condolences to her family ❤️ Stella was just an amazing special human being and it was an honor to have known her ❤️ Jolie Kraft*

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**jolie** - November 03, 2024 at 07:34 PM

BS

“ *Stella always had the biggest smile and knew who is was even though I only knew her through you kids. That bright smile will continue through her children.*

*I'll never forget  
Betty F. Shoemaker*

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**Betty F. Shoemaker** - December 09, 2022 at 11:36 AM

LS

“ *The Stuntz family sends our deepest condolences on Stella's passing. We spent much time hiking, picnicking, square dancing and playing frisbee together. I will always remember the huge meals that Stella would provide for the holidays and that we were honored guests. I will miss Stella. The world seems emptier since I heard the news.*

*Love, Laura Stuntz*

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**LAURA STUNTZ** - November 21, 2022 at 05:56 PM

NM

*Thank you, Laura. Mom cherished her friendship with your entire family. I hope you and Susan can come to the reception on Dec. 10, 12-3 p.m., at the Agave Room (above the Rio) to celebrate her life, friends, and family.*

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**Nola S McMillen** - November 30, 2022 at 07:43 PM

KL

*I worked directly and indirectly with Stella during my many years at Woodward and she was always kind, understanding, knowledgeable, and helpful.*

*Stella has left an excellent legacy for which we can all be thankful for.*

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**Kent Loehr** - December 01, 2022 at 11:30 AM

CB

*Stella was one of the most pleasant person to know. She always had a smile and was very dedicated to her work, her coworkers and Woodward. RIP*

*Carol Brungardt*

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**Carol Brungardt** - December 01, 2022 at 01:23 PM

JB

*When I married Bill Brennan - Stella's neighbor and good friend, she was the first one to welcome me to the neighborhood! Stella was always so nice and such a good friend and what a cook! Joan Brennan*

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**Joan Brennan** - December 09, 2022 at 12:57 PM