



Betty Jane Burr

March 4, 1941 - March 29, 2020

Betty Jane Burr Age 79, of Fort Collins, died at UC Health Poudre Valley Hospital the morning of March 29th, 2020 in Fort Collins

Born March 4th, 1941 in Columbus Kansas, Betty was the daughter of Homer Dobkins and Martha (McCormick) Dobkins.

Betty's family moved to Fort Collins in 1957. She graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1959 and then married Bill Burr and having their first son.

Shortly after becoming a Mom, Betty chose to quit working and become a fully time Mom. For those who knew her taking care of others gave her great joy. For that reason, she was especially happy to be a full time Mom. Sign of lost times, with farm fresh milk and eggs growing up there was always fresh baked goods and smells of something cooking on the stove or in the oven. Add in a garden of fresh vegetables and canning. Meals made with all these items and love were a quality of life only those who have had similar experience would know.

As a Mom she was a great role model in compassion, honesty and hard work. She encouraged her kids to do anything and everything. Getting them involved in every sport and activity that you can imagine. She did her part in this which included for a short time being a Cub Scout mom, volunteering anywhere needed and making Halloween costumes every year no matter how crazy the request. As a Mom she said you never know what is going in each kid, so she wanted her children to try everything to help each of them find their path in life.

Even though she left Columbus when she was young she maintained a connection. For a number of summers, the family took a trip to Columbus to stay with Aunt Annie and Uncle Fred on their farm. In the that time we got to experience farm living and connecting with local cousins and creating lasting previous memories. It has been told to us recently that we are related to have of the town.

After her divorce in 1982 she jumped into a working career with multiple jobs finally landing at Fine Print as a Bookkeeper and photocopy artist where she remained until she chose to give up her job and move back to Columbus to help her aging parents Martha and Homer Dobkins in 2001.

During her time back in Columbus Betty made a life for herself. She worked at the Auction Barn and Patricia's Accounting Service. In her spare time, between taking her mom Martha Dobkins, who recently passed, to the 1st Baptist Church in Crestline for Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon and Wednesday service she filled her time sewing and making quilt tops for donation. She enjoyed being outside working in the yard and flowers. A large passion of hers was the want to help unwanted cats. While there, with love and fondness, at her own expense she spayed/neutered over 30 cats that were feral tending to their medical needs while keeping them fed, rehoming as both barn cats, pets and keeping a few for herself. Her Mother (Martha) also helped take care of the stray cats.

Betty remained in Columbus as a care giver until 2016 and then returned to Colorado to be near her daughter and reconnect with both her sons. During this time, she took advantage of every moment with loved ones and friends until her recent passing.

She is survived by her children, Dan Burr (Fiancée Sue) Golden Valley, AZ, Ken Burr (Wife Cristie) San Jose, CA, Barb Huff (Husband Dana) Fort Collins, CO; Grandchildren, Danielle Cook (Jamie) Colorado, Emily Burr, California & Blake Burr, California; Siblings, Wayne Dobkins (Juanita) Columbus KS, Mary Lou Brauch, Cedaredge CO, Dave Dobkins, (Sue) Cortez CO and Margaret; Cul-de-Sac family, Brian, Claudia, Rich of Fort Collins and others not named who shared many wonderful memories and left-over meals with her; Kitty, Randall.

Betty with her generous spirit wanted to try just about everything. She was joyful with a big heart that held room for everyone, family and friends. Small in stature but a might force of nature, twinkle in her eyes, hint of mischievous in them and always smiling. She was proud of her kids and of herself and didn't let any experience get her down.

Independent, fearless, adventurous, creative and artistic. She loved cats, stained glass, quilting, painting in all mediums, gardening, being a seamstress for friends and being her own handy "woman". She could take a part just about anything and fix it herself.

In everything she tried she jumped in with eagerness and attacked it with such tenacity that it was joy to watch. She shared her compassion, talent and endless energy with all of

those who crossed her path.

Betty loved spring, a time to plant flowers and nurture them. She would tell all of us to not look back but cultivate the connections and relationships that we have with each other and make the most out of every day. She had an image of a dove on her desk and a highlighted definition; “the dove represents peace of the deepest kind. It soothes and quiets our worried or troubled thoughts, enabling us to find renewal in the silence of the mind. The dove’s role is as a spirit messenger, maternal symbol and liaison to impart an inner peace that helps us to go about our lives calmly and with purpose”

I know those of you who knew her will have their own special memories. She was loved dearly by many and will always have a special place in our hearts.

Because of her love of cats in lieu of flowers, a donation in her honor can be made to the Animal Friends Alliance, <https://www.savinganimalstoday.org/donate/> include in the comments field donation in memory of Betty Burr.

Comments



“ Danny Kenny and Barbie,
I'm so sorry and shocked to hear of your Mother's passing. Many great memories starting in 1959 of Betty, your Dad and then all of you. Sending my love,
Lou Batty and girls

Lou Batty - May 23 at 05:39 PM



“ Liz B. lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Burr



Liz B. - May 11 at 08:08 PM



“ Dan, Ken and Barb, I am at a loss for words. We were all just together 3 weeks prior, I think that was a godsend. Aunt Betty was so full of life and laughter. It was great getting all together with her and seeing the joy in her face with us all together, even though nobody would try the buffalo wing crackers! Love you all, always here for you. I hope you are able to find some peace soon. For now she is resting with her Mom and Travis.

Lance Brauch - May 03 at 09:05 PM



“ I was devastated to hear the news of Betty's death. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with the family.
I had the pleasure of meeting Betty three years ago we became very close friends and had many conversations in our driveway about family and friends. I would cook meals and would always share with Betty and she never once complained about it being bad. Too kind
I will truly miss looking out my door & not seeing Betty working in her yard, planting flowers or putting in her vegetable garden.
Betty you will be missed dearly by all !!!!
With deepest sympathy, Rich

Rich Williams - April 06 at 08:24 PM



“ Kids, I'm so sorry about this event in our lives. So sad. Dana, Barb and I (Dana's mom) were just beginning a once a month crafting day and at the last one we made beads. We never made it to the next one where we were going to put them together into an artistic piece of sorts.. I'm sad that my getting to know her even better has been cut short, but after this crisis is over I know she will be with us in spirit as we move forward. My thoughts are with you daily.

love, mom

Suzy - April 19 at 11:25 AM



“ I just met this lovely lady a month ago. I was bought a town home next to hers and when we were cleaning it out she came to visit several times. Told us all about the area, the other people in the buildings next to mine. She offered insight and was super sweet. Shocked to hear she has passed. Prayers to the family. Joe Mivshek

Joe Mivshek - April 05 at 02:36 PM



“ Dear Barb, Dan, and Ken,

I was so, shocked and sorry to hear of Aunt Betty's death. I remember someone who always had time for me and Mike when we visited. I remember doing leather working projects with her. I also remember her going out and getting thirteen baby chicks so Barb and I could have the fun of playing with them. I remember sitting on the kitchen floor with "Penney" for hours on end for the two weeks we were visiting everyone at your house. She was always very kind to me and visited me and Mom when she was older also.

I hope that your memories of her are warm and loving and keep her alive in your hearts. I pray that she is in Heaven now, out of pain and full of joy with those she loved most who went before her and patiently waiting to see you three again someday as well as the rest of us who loved her.

Rest assured, we miss her and hold her in our hearts.

Love,
Cousin Liz

Liz Burr - April 04 at 03:03 PM



“ Dear Barb Ken and Dan,

I am stunned and heartbroken at your Mom's departure from this piece of the universe that we all currently share. I know that she had hoped to be back in Colorado long before she was able to do so. I'm sad that each of you didn't get more time with your Mom - I will miss her too. There is a hole in my heart that will not dissipate, and that's OK.

Betty worked with Fine Print for about 15 years. My memory is not so precise as of late but I do know that she was with us during a demanding period of growth and change for the company. Lots of new customers, new employees, new services, new everything! Betty came into the mix with what I call the OLD SCHOOL work ethic - meaning that she worked until the job was done, no matter how long it took and she always, always had the best interests of Fine Print at heart.

She was loyal, hard working and always invested in making our company the best it could be. She would undertake any job that needed to be filled and I think her very favorite position was doing top level quality copy work for artists. She was proud of what she did, she loved the process, loved working face to face with artists , and above all loved making them look good.

Dearest Betty is a one of a kind human being. Wry smile, quiet demeanor (sometimes), championship deviled egg maker and quite the spunky biker babe on the side:-) We will hold her smile in our hearts for a long , long time. Onward Betty Burr - into the great unknown! Make sure your bike is tuned up and gassed up!

Linda Helm and Mark Lukes,
Fine Print Imaging

Linda L Helm - April 10 at 05:35 PM



“ Dan, Ken and Barb,

I send all my Love and sympathy. I miss Betty's cooking, hairstyles. Cousin Elizabeth, My sister Rainie and I send our Love.

Cousin Stormie Schumacher

Stormie L Schumacher - April 30 at 06:02 PM