



Clara Weber Whiteman

December 20, 1930 - September 17, 2010

Clara Weber Whiteman, age 79, of Ft. Collins passed away September 17, 2010, at Poudre Valley Hospital; she was surrounded by the presence and love of her family. Clara was born December 20, 1930, in Topeka, Kansas, the fifth child of John W. Weber and Katherine Domme Weber. She was a graduate of Topeka High School, class of 1949. She met Dean Whiteman at the dime store where she worked and they married in 1950. Clara worked for Kansas Light & Power when they started their family in Topeka, until they moved to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1954. They later moved to Ft. Collins in 1963 where Dean opened his first King's Food Host restaurant with the support of Clara, both behind the scenes and in the dining room. They were married for 31 years and raised four children in that time. After her restaurant career, she held a few other retail positions, but her greatest achievements came from being a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother. She is survived by three sons; Gery Whiteman Sue of Ft. Collins; Ron Whiteman Terri of Wheatridge; Scott Whiteman Colleen of Steamboat Springs; one daughter, Barbara Whiteman Fulton Darren of Arvada; two grandchildren, Collin and Emma Fulton; one sister, Letty Thompson of Topeka, Kansas; and many nieces and nephews. She will be remembered for her caring, genuine nature, easy smile, and warmth. A private memorial will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Topeka High School Historical Society Restoration Fund in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Comments



“ We are sincerely sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing the obituary, she sounds like a wonderful woman.

Diane Moruzzi - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Shortly after I moved to Silverplume in December 1986 Clara taught me how to change the light bulb on my porch. That began a friendship that lasted quite a few years. Barb lived at home then. Over the years we worked in our courtyard, traveled a couple of times, shared meals, decorated for holidays, got to know each others' families and in general enjoyed various events as our lives developed & changed along with those close to us. When needed, we supported each other during difficult times. Clara moved 6 or so years ago. Other than an occasional card exchange, we did not interact after that. Clara was a truly kind, thoughtful, considerate and loving person - a good friend, great Mom, very supportive and caring. Though her family will miss her tremendously, how fortunate they were to have her and to have her for as long as they did. May God Bless, comfort, console & guide you during this difficult time & always.

Sandra C. Eddy - September 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family, Barb. It sounds like she had a wonderful life blessed with love from her husband and family.

Janet - September 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ As I have shared with Barb, I have many fond memories of "Mom Whiteman." Clara was such a steady, even-tempered presence through our young adulthood and I can remember her quietly chaperoning any number of goofy teenage gatherings in Fairway Estates, and later at Silverplume. Clara's households were, of course, lovely & well-kept, but much better than that they were welcoming and homey; Barb's home with her Mom always felt like the home of beloved relatives and at holiday time Clara--and Barb--always pulled out all the stops; nowhere smelled as good or seemed so dreamily lighted ;- Clara sure raised her kids right--I know her death is an enormous loss for your family, but Clara's natural grace, good humor, and loving heart are exemplified through all of your lives; I suspect she quietly touched the lives of far more people than you will ever know. Sending all of you much love.

Jeff Donaldson-Forbes - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ As one of Clara's nieces, I have wonderful memories of visits to her Nebraska and Colorado homes. Spending time with Aunt Clara and her family was quite a highlight for the Giltinan clan from Michigan. I will miss her calm spirit and smile.

Marie Christopher - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ The first entry on this page that I read was from Marie referring to her Aunt Clara. Marie must be from the Whiteman side; I am from the Weber side. Doesn't matter, because we both have the same thoughts...visiting Aunt Clara was always a highlight for us. I loved visiting Lincoln and then Ft. Collins. Those times will always be etched in my memories...Mom and Aunt Clara laughing and visiting while I played with cousins. Clara's million dollar smile welcomed everyone, and her well grounded spirit shared with the world her love of life.

Kathy Brooks - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks for visiting this site and hopefully leave a word or two. Mom's passing was sudden and unexpected. We are both sad and at the same time pleased that it occurred very quickly and without suffering. It will take some time to fix the hole we all feel. Thank you for being part of her life and please leave a story and insight for us.

Ron Whiteman - September 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM