



Gertrud Hoffmann

June 16, 1919 - December 16, 2017

Gertrud Hoffmann, 98, passed away on December 16, 2017 at Centre Avenue Health and Rehab in Fort Collins.

Gertrud Kellner was born and raised in Goettingen, Germany and had 5 siblings. She married Bruno Hoffmann in 1942. They had two children, Brigitte and Bernd. Brigitte died tragically at age four in a sledding accident. In 1953, Gertrud and Bruno immigrated to the United States with their son Bernd and settled in New Jersey. Her first job was at The National Musical String Company in North Brunswick, New Jersey a difficult job where she got bloody fingers hand winding guitar strings. She then became a beautician and later, with a friend opened the Queen City Academy of Beauty Culture, quite an accomplishment for someone starting life in a new country and having to learn to speak English.

Gertrud enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and music, especially opera, and she could often be heard singing along when music was playing, especially if they were German songs. She also had an interest in gemstones and liked to watch the jewelry shows on TV.

Shortly after the birth of their only granddaughter, Heather; Gertrud and Bruno moved to Colorado to be closer to her. She was their greatest joy and they were very proud of her. Gertrud lived at Centre Ave Health and Rehab for 8 years. She enjoyed her visits with friends and family, especially her "grand doggies", Sophie, Thumper, and Jacques, and therapy dog Misti. Many thanks go to the staff for the love and care they provided to her during her stay there. Thanks also to Pathways Hospice for their care and compassion during her last few months.

Gertrud is survived by her son, Bernd Hoffmann (Lynda), and granddaughter, Heather Hoffmann.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice or Meals on Wheels Fort Collins in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Comments



“ I met Gertrud at Centre about 6 years ago when doing HABIC therapy visits first with my dog Polly and now with my dog Chloe. She would save a bit of meat from her lunch to give as a treat to them and always wanted to pet the "beautiful animals". She made my day with her bright smile and happy attitude. Her stories of her beloved Germany, her journey to the US and her life in New Jersey were rich and fascinating.
I will miss her very much.
Cindy Carrington

Cindy - December 20, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ My thoughts are with you in sharing memories of Gertrude. I always enjoyed saying hi while visiting my parents Wayne and Shirley Linton at Centre Ave. take care. Ann Linton Scott

ann scott - December 20, 2017 at 09:31 AM



“ So sorry to learn of Gertrud's passing. I met her when my father was in the rehab. I visited her several times after that. She would always tell me she had a daughter, Brigitte, which is my name. We would sit in the area with the windows and watch 'her mountain'. Just like my dad, who passed away this April, she would say, I never thought I would live this long. I'm sorry I didn't get to spend more time with her. She was a lovely gentle person. My family also immigrated from Germany so we could share stories. She lived a full life and loved her family.
Brigitte Schmidt

Brigitte Schmidt - December 19, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ I'll miss you, Gertrude! Please save a place for me in Heaven.
Your Irish Fraulein Franz,
Aine



Aine - December 19, 2017 at 06:27 PM