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Lillian M Clark, 79, passed away on May 20, 2019. Lil as her family and friends knew her, was born on August 26, 1939 in Yonkers, New York to Rachel and Vincent Agostino. Lil started her career as a secretary for General Precision Laboratories in Pleasantville, New York where she met the love of her life, William (Bill). They married in 1960. In 1972 Lil and Bill moved their family to Fort Collins, Colorado. In 1983 Lil and Bill opened the Blue Bayou Restaurant and Bar. Lil was an owner and a chef at the Bayou. Lil was known for her delicious soups and daily specials. People would always return for the great home cooking and warm family atmosphere. After selling the restaurant in 1990 Lil finished her working career and retired from Poudre School District as a food service manager. Lil along with several other investors developed the Wild Horse Ranch in Laramie, WY. Lil loved being in Fort Collins and at her mountain property in Cherokee Park, CO. She was happiest when surrounded by family.

Lil loved to garden. Her yard reflected that love. Many of her fruit trees she started from a mere pit. She truly had the gift of a green thumb. Lil was an avid reader, loved to knit and crochet, and was an incredible cook. Her family will cherish the countless meals she created for them and the loving get togethers she hosted in her home.

Lil was a warm, caring, loving wife, mother, grandmother and true friend. Her beautiful smile would put a warm feeling in your heart.

Lillian (Lil) joins her husband William (Bill) of 58 years. She is survived by her daughter, Lillian (Lee) Reichert and husband Mark, daughter Deborah (Debbie) Thinnes and husband Dan. Her four grandchildren, Christopher Reichert, Nathan Reichert, Steven Thinnes, and Jenna Thinnes. Her sister Judith Maestry (George). Her sister in law Lynn MacCartney (Doug). Her cousins Julie Caruana (Ritchie), Kathy Johnstone (Ronnie), Dominic Agostino (Pam), Tony Agostino (Rhonda), Nicholas Agostino (Pam), and many

extended family and friends.

Lillian cherished her family above all else. She touched many people in her lifetime and will be remembered for her warm heart, beautiful smile, and the love she shared with everyone.

Lil's final resting place will be at their beloved mountain home in Cherokee Park, Colorado.

A prayer for you

Beloved Mother & Best Friend

Lord you brought someone special to us

We pray you will bless her for the many ways she's been a blessing

Surround her and protect her with your Love and the Love of those who care so much for her

May she know the many ways she touched her family and the many hearts who were blessed by her life

Your Loving Daughters,

Lee & Debbie

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Comments



“ Though I did not know Lil well, I was fortunate enough to have spent time with her on a few occasions over the past several months. In January I began dating her grand-daughter Jenna. My first time meeting her was when Jenna and I stopped by for dinner at her house where we ate her recipe of spaghetti and meatballs. It was honestly the best I've ever had! Throughout the entire meal she focused more on tending to me than herself, stopping our conversation often to ask if I needed anything else. I could tell that she was very interested in getting to know me (and I'm sure to get an idea of the kind of man her grand-daughter was dating). Her, Jenna and I share a passion for plants, so we talked all about her many houseplants as well as the peaches she would end up with each year from her trees in the back yard. After dinner, she gave me some peach pits from her tree so that I could try germinating them. I have three small peach trees growing right now! She was so incredibly generous to me that evening. The last time I got to spend time with her was when we ate some of her homemade pizzas that her daughter Deb helped make. They stopped by to feed us (her grandson Steven and girlfriend Molly, Jenna and I) while we were doing some work on Steven's property. Lil and I split a PBR beer, which I remember feeling honored to do for some reason? It made me smile and I remember that she seemed to like it too. I've gotten to know some of Lil's family over these short six months and I can see the ways her loving kindness helped shape them. Her daughter Deb clearly shares these same qualities and I'll bet that's why she married a great man: Dan. Together they had an amazing family. I have no doubt that ultimately, Lil is the one I should thank for passing on her compassion and loving-heart to Jenna. May she rest in peace.

Cody Schell - June 13, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ It I so sad to have someone so special leave us. Lil was one of those special people; always a smile, a happy hello, and homemade cookies. Lil will always be remembered as a very special neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers to her family.
Tom and Laurie Meek

Laurie Meek - June 09, 2019 at 10:40 AM



“ Lil, We miss you so much in our neighborhood. All the flowers, cookies, cakes you shared with us during the holiday seasons and the joy year round. We enjoyed sharing our plans for flowers and garden with you as well as sharing in enjoying the results. We are sad. You will stay in our hearts forever. The same as Bill. We hope your family will remain a part of the neighborhood and that the pain of your loss can be turned into a fond remembrance of the brightness you brought to your family and our little corner of the world. Claudia and Craig Jarvi - Ptarmigan Ct. - Fort Collins



Claudia and Craig Jarvi - June 07, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ Though our time was short with Ms. Lil it was a joy to meet such a wonderful, caring, generous individual. She has touched our hearts in more ways than one and will always be remembered. Sending our thoughts and prayers to family and friends.

Strandberg's and Sullivan's - June 05, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ My Dear Cousin Lillian, I am still in a state of shock that you are gone, my mind goes back in time, when you where growing up, here in New York, and all the times we as a family would get together and share the holiday's with food and having fun, watching you get married, to Bill, and having two beautiful Daughters, Lee and Debbie, and watch them, for a short time, grow up, before you all moved to Fort Collins, there are so many memories that i have, of you, that i cherish and hold close to my heart, and i want to say, that i love you and thank you for everything that you did for me and your Aunt Teresa, helping me get through those tough times with her, i find myself very blessed to have known you and been a part of the Family Agostino! you where a gentile spirit, a loving and kind person, always there to help, and make anyone feel comfortable and at home, you, and the rest of our family, that have gone, will always be in my mind and in my heart forever! from our family here in New York, WE LOVE YOU and MISS YOU!

Dominic, Pam, Nicky, Pam, Michael, Daniel

Dominic Agostino - June 05, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ Grandma, Grams, Gramm, Mom, Lil, Lillian, as she was known by her family and friends. It still feels like a dream that you are gone and it may never feel real, but our memories that each and everyone of us have shared with you will always be real and in our hearts forever.

I would look forward to our Thursday dates every single week we would get together for dinner. We would share laughs together, talk about our love of plants, watch the soap(Days of our Lives) or our favorite hallmark movies and how you would spoil me each week with your amazing cooking.

You always knew how to make each person you cared about feel so special. Little things you would remember of what we liked, what we didn't like. You would spoil each of us with our favorite foods and take such joy in making them because you always wanted to make the one's you loved happy.

I was so happy I was able to come and visit you and Grandpa in one of your favorite places Lake Havasu, Arizona. We shared so many fun times, from going to Oatman, AZ and seeing the Burros to going to the London Bridge and enjoying the warm and rainy weather together!

Enjoying your second home together up in the mountains with our family was always a joy and you were always in your happy place there. I remember you teaching me to knit for the first time sitting on the patio in the sunshine and having so much patience with me. Every time I knit I think of that memory and our laughs and my frustration on figuring out how to get it! Our walks together through the mountains picking our wildflowers together trying to make the prettiest bouquet to bring back.

I am so extremely grateful you were put here for all of us to love and so blessed you were chosen to be my Grandmother. You shaped the woman I have become today and will continue to teach me everyday. I hope to be half the woman you were and continue to be through your children. You and Grandpa raised amazing daughters which blessed me with an amazing Mother and amazing Aunt who are so wonderfully compassionate and caring just like your were.

I love you so extremely much Grams and you will be so dearly missed by all of us, but we find comfort that you are reunited with your love. We will meet again someday, we love you so much!

These lyrics always reminded me of you by Tom Petty:

"You belong among the wildflowers, you belong in a boat out at sea, you belong with your love on your arm, you belong somewhere you feel free."





“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jeanine Mellem - June 01, 2019 at 08:57 PM



“ Lil, my dear friend, I miss you. I miss your sunny disposition, your optimistic outlook, our game time, our talks, and all those treats you sent home with me, supposedly for Peter but always enough for me. Plus extra when it was my favorite coconut cake. I know you are with your husband, Mr. Wonderful, and your sweet mother Rachel. You're the best and will always be in my heart.

Jeanine Mellem - June 01, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ I worked across the street from the Blue Bayou. The Bayou was my first stop after work, on the way home or to my other job. Lil and Bill and I became friends and they allowed me to decorate their business with some quirky artwork and provide event flyers. Lil rewarded my efforts with a package of giant and delicious prime rib. It was always a pleasure to see them even years after the Bayou closed. I am glad to have known them both.

Steve Stabler - June 02, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Debbie Thinnas - May 31, 2019 at 09:04 PM



“ Lil, so happy you came into our lives if even for a short time. When we met you for the first time it felt like we had known you forever. Thank you for teaching me to make crispy pizza. It never was as great as yours but I will continue to practice until I get it like yours.

Playing cards was a real hoot...thank you for teaching us the new card game which was so much fun even though Tom thought he should win every game. Happy when we did beat him a few times.

I have to say you have a very loving family who also felt like we had known them forever. We are so happy we found a friend in your granddaughter Jenna. She is a real sweetheart and we enjoy seeing her at the mall from time to time and she always gives us loving hugs and talks so highly of you. I thank your daughter Lil whom informed us of your obituary.

As I told your granddaughter “I met you as a stranger, I loved you as a friend and I know we will meet in heaven where friendship never ends.” Love, hugs and prayers for your family.

Lauraine and Tom Vayne - May 30, 2019 at 07:31 PM



“ Lill, my dear cousin, I will always remember our times together, what fun we had and our talks after you moved to Colorado. You will always be in my heart. love Julie and Richie

julie caruana - May 30, 2019 at 02:31 PM