



Lucille Norma Anderson

April 19, 2021

Lucille Norma Anderson of Ft. Collins, 100 years old and forever young at heart, passed away on April 19, 2021. She had recently celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and her caregivers using 100 balloons!

She was born in Milwaukee WI to Clara Zernia Jelinek and Walter John Jelinek. After graduating from Washington High School in Milwaukee in 1938, she attended Wisconsin University there. On January 22, 1949, she married the late Dale A. Anderson, a tall dark and handsome Nebraska farmer. They were introduced by a mutual friend in Milwaukee and it was love at first sight. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary before his passing.

After they moved their family of 4 children to Ft. Collins in 1957, Lucille really enjoyed camping, hiking, fishing and backpacking in the beautiful Colorado Rockies. She and Dale shared their love for going to the mountains and for doing outdoor activities with their children and grandchildren.

They also loved traveling and dancing...polka dancing, ballroom dancing and square dancing. Her other favorite activities were reading and flower gardening.

She earned her BA with Distinction from Colorado State University in 1962 with an English and Secondary Teaching major. In 1972 she obtained her MA in Media from the University of Northern Colorado. She worked as the secretary in the CSU History Department and for 10 years taught English and Journalism at Fort Collins High School where her students fondly called her "Mrs. A". After she completed her Master's degree in Media, she worked for 10 years as the Media Specialist at Wellington Junior High School. Both she and Dale retired in 1982.

She had a zest for life and lived her long life to the fullest. She loved outdoor adventures including bicycling with American Youth Hostels (AYH) throughout Wisconsin in her 20's. She may have also done bike trips in other states. Lucille was a strong and independent

woman who was well ahead of her time. She even led an AYH bike trip in Mexico. Many of her AYH friends became lifelong friends.

In her 40's, she took an adventurous multi-day whitewater rafting trip on the Colorado River through the entire Grand Canyon learning about its geology from the professor on board teaching a class to the participants.

Lucille had a beautiful smile, a sharp wit and a great sense of humor. She was fun loving, gregarious, free-spirited, inspiring and amazing.

We want to extend our deep appreciation for the wonderful care our mother received from the warm and caring "Green House Homes" staff while she lived there. As well as from some other previous caregivers.

She is survived by her children: Dara Anderson (Bob Essin) of Ft. Collins and Vail CO; Trent Anderson (Darlene Chovan-Anderson) of Spokane WA; Ren Anderson (Pepper Schedin) of Portland OR; and Sonja Anderson of Ft. Collins.

Her grandchildren: Natasha (Yaro) Livits; Garrett (Kim Skaggs), Justin (Alex Davis) and Weston Anderson; and Trevor and Bergan Anderson.

Her great-grandsons: Ari and Benji Livits.

She also is survived by her brother-in-law Bill Fechtmeyer and many neices and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sisters Shirley Jones (the late Ray) and Beverly Fechtmeyer (Bill) and her brother Clyde (the late Marlys) Jelinek.

Lucille's Celebration of Life is postponed until summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Food Bank for Larimer County or a charity of your choice in Lucille's name.

Visit bohlenderfuneralchapel.com to share memories or condolences for the family.

Comments



“ I have wonderful memories of your mom from Garfield Street. I was also lucky to have her as my English teacher. My sincere condolences.
Lora Lemesany Rupert

Lora Rupert - June 03 at 05:45 PM



“ I have great memories of your mother and your family from Garfield street to the CSU farm.
Sorry for your loss.

David Lemesany - May 12 at 10:47 AM



“ David, thank you for your condolences. I have great memories of the early days. Trent
Trent Anderson - May 21 at 10:01 AM



“ Also thanks and great memories. I Remember looking up at Sputnik one night your family visited the far.
Ren Anderson - June 02 at 09:01 PM



“ Mrs Anderson was my all time favorite teacher. Although, I did not go into journalism as she inspired me to do, I have worked at newspapers for most of my adult life. She was a great lady.

Sandy Fraser Powell

Sandy Powell - May 02 at 04:34 PM



“ Thank you for your condolences. I know she valued her relationships with her students.
Trent
Trent Anderson - May 21 at 10:05 AM



“ I don't recall whether I was interested in journalism and decided to take Mrs. A's class or if taking her class was what gave me an interest in journalism. I only wish I could have told her that 55 years later, I am currently teaching high school journalism and often think back to her and her classroom with all the typewriters. She was a gifted teacher and we students were blessed to have had her.

Judy Furnish - May 01 at 08:20 PM



“ Mrs. A planted the seeds of writing and poetry in my world. I'll always have fond memories of her and credit her with harboring those skills. My condolences to the family; keep the warm memories close.

Lois Peltz - May 01 at 10:55 AM



“ I think I had Mrs. A my junior year at Fort Collins High School. She was a tough teacher . She lived a very interesting life and I enjoyed reading about all the things she did. I was particularly interested to learn she was a Media Specialist in Wellington because I spent my whole teaching career (27 years) as a Media Specialist. I always thought you were an only child Dara because you were so quiet and reserved.. I am guessing it was important for her to reach 100 and she pushed for that to happen!! Take Care and remember all the happy memories..Losing our Moms is one of the toughest things in life so I hope you will take good care of yourselves...

Kay Adams - May 01 at 10:18 AM



“ Mrs. Anderson was one of my favorite teachers! I had her for junior year English, I think.... loved going to that class! She was a great teacher!

Linda Deane - May 03 at 11:57 PM



“ I'll always remember backpacking with Lucille and Dara in Rocky Mountain National Park. Lucille was 60, and we were 31. There was no way even then that I could keep up with Lucille, in speed, stamina or cheerfulness. She has inspired me to keep on backpacking, still, every summer! May you hike in peace, Lucille.
Marcia Munson

Marcia Munson - April 29 at 11:57 AM