



Barbara Marie Solfermoser

March 19, 1928 - October 1, 2020

Barbara M. Solfermoser (Bobbie), 92, of Fort Collins passed away October 1, 2020, at PVH due to complications from a stroke. At Bobbie's request, no service will be held due to Covid concerns. A celebration of life will be arranged when it is safer for gatherings.

Bobbie was born at home on March 19, 1928, near Johnstown, NE to Willis H. Magary and S. Edith (Wilson) Magary. She grew up on a homesteaded farm that had no plumbing or electricity. Bobbie attended Johnstown schools. After graduating from Ainsworth High School in 1945, she began teaching in a rural one room schoolhouse in Nebraska.

In 1947, Bobbie obtained a teaching certificate from Chadron State Teacher's College. She then taught in West Point, NE, where she met her future husband, the older brother of one of her students. Bobbie married Willard Henry Solfermoser on August 6, 1950, in Johnstown, NE.

In 1953 Bobbie earned her B.S. Degree at the University of Nebraska. She continued teaching in Nebraska until a son (Scott) was born in 1958 with a daughter (Anne) following in 1960.

In 1964, Bobbie and Willard's move to Colorado was a fulfillment of a long-time dream. Bobbie resumed her teaching career after obtaining a Masters of

Education from CSU in 1969.

For 21 years, Bobbie taught 2nd and 3rd grade at O'Dea and Warner Elementary Schools in Fort Collins. She helped pioneer team teaching and was twice nominated Teacher of the Year. She retired in 1990 after 31 years of teaching. Bobbie treasured her many lifelong friendships made during her teaching career.

Bobbie and Willard were married 52 years until Willard's death in 2003. They loved camping and were often off on an adventure with their tent or trailer.

Bobbie found enjoyment in all that she did. She loved the outdoors and gardening, was a skilled seamstress, and a talented painter. She volunteered as a Sunday School Teacher, worked with Vacation Bible School, was a board member of the Christian Counseling Associates, and held positions within the Christian Business and Professional Women's Council.

She participated in many Bible Studies and lived her life in accordance to what she learned. Bobbie was treasured for her grace, kindness, being a great listener, and her love of life. God, family and friends were the center of her life.

Philippians 4:4-8

Bobbie is survived by her son, Scott Willard Solfermoser of LaPorte; her daughter, Anne Marie Waage and son-in-law, Marc Waage of Denver. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and sole sibling Gordon.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Solfermoser was my second grade teacher at O’Dea. I loved her so much!! My mom would wonder where I was after school, I had stayed to be with your mom. As I looked back and remembered her I told my husband, Mrs. Solfermoser was the first person to show me what the love of Jesus looked like. I am forever grateful! Blessings and prayers to your family during this time.*

Lisa Mullet

Lisa Mullet - October 20, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AW

Thank you Lisa for sharing your remembrance of our Mom.

Anne Waage - October 25, 2020 at 11:45 AM

BS

“ *I owe Bobbie so very much in contributing to my life and in so many ways. Teaching with Bobbie was one of those highlights. She not only provided me with great teaching strategies, but how to grow in my faith! She lived hers and was a beacon of light to all who knew her! When I look back on my life I will always remember Bobbie! My deep condolences to Ann and Scott.*

Beth Stevens - October 18, 2020 at 02:06 PM

AW

Beth, as it so often happens with the Lord’s loving work... I had just looked up your contact information and was going to call you to ensure that you knew about my Mom when I decided to take a quick look at the Bohlender website. And there was your sweet message. Thank you so much for posting it. It means a lot to Scott and me. You were such an important part of my Mom’s life. Hugs!

Anne Waage - October 25, 2020 at 11:55 AM

CM

“ I met Bobbie at church and was in a Bible study with her. What a gracious loving and kind person she was. She always had a sweet smile and a kind word. Sending my sympathy and prayers to the family. Keep her beautiful legacy going. May He wrap you in His peace. Carol Moddelmog

Carol Moddelmog - October 12, 2020 at 10:46 PM

AW

Thank you Carol for the lovely remembrances of my wonderful Mother.

Anne Waage - October 25, 2020 at 11:56 AM

LW

“ Bobbie took our family under her wing when we moved to Fort Collins in 1957. We have three children two of whom were the same age age and sex as hers. As “across the street” neighbors, we became fast friends and shared many get-togethers. A most memorable event was the year they let us stay in their home while they were away one summer (camping) and my husband was working on his masters at CSU. We “cat sat” for them. It was a real experience having a cat crawling in bed with us, as well as opening and climbing into one of the bureau drawers! We kept in touch all the years and will always cherish her memory. Tom and Lois Woolsey.

Lois Woolsey - October 11, 2020 at 05:31 PM

JF

We meet Bobbie and Willard at church when we were young parents of two small children. Bobbie's infectious smile won our hearts and we became life long friends. The Solfermoser's were our family in Colorado. We spent many holidays together with great food, fun, and celebration. Bobbie brought many people together, she was truly a very special person full of love and a giving heart! I will always treasure her friendship! We miss you Bobbie! Jan and Gary Feil.

Janet Feil - October 12, 2020 at 08:38 PM

AW

Lois & Tom - thank you so much for your remembrance of my Mom. I really enjoyed the cat story. I recalled your having stayed at our house but not the details of Ming's escapades. My Mom really appreciated hearing from you each year (as did all of us). Thank you for being so faithful about staying in touch. Much love.

Anne Waage - October 25, 2020 at 12:03 PM

AW

Jan and Gary - We have been so blessed over the years by the friendship between our families. So grateful for the love and support. I know that my Mom held her friendship with you Jan, as a very precious thing. Love and Hugs!

Anne Waage - October 25, 2020 at 12:07 PM