



"Bertie" Roberta Bacheller

November 29, 1936 - June 14, 2014

Doris Roberta "Bertie" Bacheller, devoted wife, mother and friend, passed away peacefully at the age of 77 on June 14, 2014. Bertie leaves behind a beautiful, loving family legacy. Her kind, selfless, gracious, caring spirit touched her family, friends and acquaintances. She will be missed more than words can express. Bertie was born November 29, 1936 in Jackson, Wyoming. She was the third child of Robert B. Luman and Doris Bailey Luman and grand-daughter of prominent western pioneer Abner Luman. She was raised on the family ranch on the Green River outside of Pinedale, Wyoming. She attended a one-room school house and school in Green River, Wyoming until the fourth grade at the age of 8 when she attended Academy of Saint Mary-of-the-Wasatch in Salt Lake City and graduated in 1954. Bertie then attended the University of Wyoming, pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. There she met her love and married Harold I. "Bud" Bacheller, Jr. on June 11, 1958. They moved to Denver, then raised their family in Arvada and moved to Fort Collins in 1979. Bud and Bertie just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. Bertie's passion was her family. She was a stay-at-home mom, but worked beside her husband in various businesses. At the age of 55 she opened Insurance Specialties of Fort Collins, ten years later she retired to operate the Luman Cattle Ranch in Wyoming. She actively worked on the hay crew until the summer of 2013. She was a former member of the Kappa Advisory Board at CSU and Service League. Current member of P.E.O. Chapter G, member of

Saint Joseph Catholic Church and many bridge groups. She is survived by her husband, Bud and her loving Corgi, Petie; four children and their families: Harold I. "Bud" Bacheller III Margaret "Meg", Harold I. "Buddy" IV and Aidan of Centennial, CO; Susan "Susie" Bacheller-Stewart Dave Stewart, Abigail and Amelia of Fort Collins, CO; Charles "Chuck" Bacheller Kristine "Kris" of Pinedale, Wyo., Andrew "Andy" and Rebecca "Becky" and his three step children; Linda Bacheller of Broomfield, CO; 2 nieces and 2 nephews of Lincolnshire, IL; brother Abner Luman of LaBarge, Wyo. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Kathryn Luman Madro of Lincolnshire, IL. Bertie loved her family, home and garden. She was passionate for bridge games and her many friends. She was an amazing cook and hostess. She loved holidays with family traditions and searching her family genealogy. A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins, CO, a Rosary will precede at 9:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. A luncheon will be held in Meredith Hall following the Interment. Memorial donations may be made to the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute Foundation in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, 80524.

Tribute Wall

EP

“ Eric and I were so shocked and saddened by the news of Bertie's death when we returned from 2 weeks away. She was the gentlest, kindest and most lovely person and neighbor we have ever known and we have missed seeing her gardening next door every day since we moved to Windsor. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you, Bud, or your family. Love, Ann & Eric

Eric & Ann Pettine - June 30, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about Bertie. Many of my fondest memories involved your family. Bertie was like a second Mother to me and i will always think of her as such. Many prayers have been said, and our thoughts are with ya'll during this difficult time.

Tim Allen and Family - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Dear Bud and family, I was shocked and saddened to hear of Bertie's passing. She was such a sweetheart. Truly a gracious and graceful woman. I have many fond memories of sitting with you both at the yearly Christmas dinners. Today's service was a beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Patty

Patty - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Deepest sympathies to Bud and family. God bless Bertie. The Tirdel's.

Dave Tirdel - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I am so sad to hear of Bertie's passing she was a kind, classy lady she always had a hug for me. She was one of those special souls that impacted the lives of many and she will always have a place in my heart

James Jamie Thurber - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Dear Bud and family, We are so saddened to hear of Bertie's passing. She was such a very special person. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Diana and Jim Lofink - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Jon and I are so sorry. Your whole family is in our prays. We could never thank Bud and Birdie enough for letting us buy Insurance Speicalties of Fort Collins 12 years ago. We wouldn't be were we are today without them.

Suzie Rimer - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ We have so many fond memories of Bertie, especially the trip to Mexico with all of the kids. We really enjoyed spending time together and we know what a sad loss this is to your family. You are in our prayers.

Holli and joe Benkelman - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ So very sorry for your loss Meg and Bud. Truly an incredible woman with many accomplishments. I know you will miss her everyday. Thinking of you and your family.

Kelly Lesniak - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Bertie, Sweet, sincere, elegant, with a smile on your face is the Bertie I know. I know you are already with wine in hand with my mom. Sincerest sympathy to Bud and the Bacheller kids.

Lori & Jeff Nelson - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I was surprised and saddened to hear of Bertie's passing. Though brief, I was very glad to have gotten to know Bud and Bertie and the family. Our deepest sympathies go out to you all.

Kirk and Suzanne Mayfield - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time. She will be missed by the community and her P.E.O. sisters in Chapter G.

Carolyn and Jane Goodwin - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Bertie was a beautiful lady with a heart of gold.

Charlotte Schoumacher - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Bud & Crew – Our hearts go out to you and our own hearts are heavy. She was my “extra mom” and always had that sweet, calming, reassuring voice – what a woman of grace. Lots of “Bachelier” memories with spaghetti dinners, piano sing-a-longs, but mostly just giggling, really good ol’ belly laughs sharing stories. Didn’t matter when you showed up, you were always welcome; I loved that about Bertie. They don’t get kinder...we’re gonna miss her dearly, but I’m sure my mom greeted her with open arms in heaven with a little “mixture” for a welcome toast! Know that we have you in our prayers--

Jane & Ken Dvorak - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Bud and Fam.....and Petie too, News like this just sucks. You all certainly are in our thoughts and prayers. Jane's words pretty much cover how we all felt about Bertie to a tee. I shall drink a bit of wine out of "the" mini wine glass, in her honor tonight. Love to you all!

Marla Rapley - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family Bud. Bertie was such a beautiful woman with the greatest smile and laugh. We know how much she will be missed. Love, Cindy & Ken

Cindy & Ken Roper - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Bertie was so kind to me when I moved to Fort Collins not knowing anyone in 1982. I met her at a Kappa alum party. Her smile and laugh made me feel right at home. She will be missed.

Lyn Pring - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ My parents, Dawn & Barbara Carpenter, are deeply saddened by the loss of Bertie. Growing up I heard wonderful stories about Bud & Bertie and know they brought great joy in to the lives of each other as well as others. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kristin Carpenter - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ Bud and Family-- You have our deepest sympathy at this time, and will remain in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days and weeks. Wayne and Jan Kuhnen Crownhart

Wayne M Crownhart - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I knew Bertie though our time together as Kappa's. She was a mentor and friend; will be missed.

Dierdre Cook - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM