



Bette Sears

March 8, 1940 - June 16, 2016

BETTE SEARS, long-time resident of Poudre Park, died on June 16, 2016. Born Elizabeth Lea Hutchins on March 8, 1940 to Clyde and Margol Hutchins in Denver she grew up in Fort Collins. She earned degrees from CSU, a Bachelor of Arts in art and a Master of Science in horticulture. She is survived by her husband Bill of 52 years, son Jeff of Fort Collins (Yolanda), daughter Karyl Yeston of Crested Butte (Marc), and three grandchildren, Anabelle Yeston, Bill Sears, and Michael Sears.

She had been a life guard, a member of the Arapaho Basin Ski Patrol, and a founding member of the now-vanished Hidden Valley Ski Patrol. With the support of her two small children and many signatures on a petition she approached the City Council asking them to create the first bike lanes in Fort Collins, which they did. She was an ardent flower gardener and waged unstinting combat against weeds and Johnson grass. She was a Master Gardener and worked for many years at garden centers in Fort Collins.

The family wishes to acknowledge the excellent care she received at Collinwood Memory Care. A memorial service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 21 at 11:00 AM. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice, or the Lower Poudre Canyon Association in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bill,
I am living in Sweden and just read of Bette's death. I have very fond memories of all the help you both gave my mom, Fran Thompson and the Volunteers Clearing House. My thoughts are with you.

Kacy Thompson
Lund, Sweden

Kacy Thompson - June 25, 2016 at 01:26 PM

TC

“ Dear Bill, Karyl and Jeff, I have been thinking of you this morning. My mother died 40 years ago of Alzheimer's so I know the heart ache you have been through. While it is a release for Bette it is never easy when the end finally comes. What an energetic lady she was and so full of life and so forward thinking in her ambitions and interests. What a great picture of her. Bill, you folks were ten years ahead of your time with all your plans for the River area around the lumberyard! Many good thoughts. Tedi Cox

tedi cox - June 21, 2016 at 11:29 AM

CI

“ said to hear of Betty's passing. Hadn't seen her in many years but never forgot her. Cut her hair forever at hair atelier. Always enjoyed our conversations and hearing about what she was up to. She got me interested in gardening which I still enjoy. A special lady. RIP Betty

Cindy - June 18, 2016 at 08:59 PM