



## Betty Lou Conn

January 7, 1933 - September 11, 2023

Betty Lou (Kuhlke) Conn, age 90 of Fort Collins CO, passed away peacefully on September 11, 2023.

Born on January 7th, 1933, in Denver, Betty was educated in the Denver Public Schools, graduating from South High School and then graduating from Colorado State College of Education (UNC) in Greeley. After college she married her high school sweetheart, Jerry Conn. While living in Sacramento, CA, during Jerry's time in the US Air Force, Betty taught elementary school. Returning to Denver, she stayed busy raising four children, volunteering at Ellis Elementary, and after moving to Fort Collins, she spent many years working at The Flower Company in Campus West and many summers working in the office at CSU's Mountain Campus. She also volunteered at the Museum of Contemporary Art. She was hard working and devoted to her family.

Betty was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, supporting her family throughout the years. She was a devoted wife and best friend to her husband of 60 plus years. She and Jerry were inseparable and enjoyed many birding trips to Arizona and New Mexico. Most summer weekends were spent with her family at their cabins in Pingree Park, helping with numerous cabin projects, going on hiking adventures looking for wildflowers, birds and moose. She shared her love of nature with all. Betty enjoyed family dinners and attending numerous school programs for her four grandchildren. Her love and appreciation for the arts lives on through them. She was also a maker, always

keeping her hands busy gardening, sewing, crafting braided rugs and cooking. She was a voracious reader. She enjoyed hosting holiday celebrations and dinners; always saving room for dessert.

Betty is survived by her brother William Kuhlke and wife BJ Meyers of Alamosa, her children Bill and Judy (Carlson) Conn of Fort Collins, Brian and Julie (Hansen) Conn of Fort Collins, Terry and Sue (Awsumb) Conn of Livermore; her grandchildren, Jordan Conn, Jared Conn and fiancé Valerie (and daughter Sylvi), Betsy (Conn) and Brady Wagner (and daughter Addison) and Henry Conn. She also leaves her nieces and nephews Barbara Kuhlke, Lee Kuhlke, Diana Kuhlke, Jeannie Kuhlke, Kevin Kuhlke, Karen Kuhlke and their families, and Ronald Conn and family. She is preceded in death by her husband Jerry Conn, daughter Gail Ann Conn, parents William and Lillian (Vickers) Kuhlke, brother Dale Kuhlke and wife Elsie, in-laws Dorse and Inez (Duncan) Conn, brother in-law William Conn and wife Ruth and niece Carolyn (Conn) Sandore.

Betty will be forever remembered, loved and missed by her family and friends. A graveside service will be held at Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins on Saturday, November 11th at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Pathways Hospice of Larimer County, 305 Carpenter Road, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

To share a memory or offer an online condolence, please visit:

<http://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/obituaries>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO US 80521  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ Betty brought the love of a doting mother to the kitchen at Pingree Park when I worked there in 1983-5. Even writing names on the sack lunches for the crew. She sent holiday cards with warm wishes until 2022 and always brought a smile. Love to all.

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**Carolyn Depperschmidt** - December 28, 2023 at 09:38 AM

PR

“ Working with Betty and Jerry and all the Conn's at the CSU Mountain Campus was a gift. Betty would often walk out in the early morning to raise the flag and one of our young daughters would assist. They loved it. Betty was our “de facto” mom away from home. She listened to all sides and in the end smiled and remained us all of the beautiful valley we worked in and that life was a wonder, now go have a great day. She was the best.

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**Pat Rastall** - November 06, 2023 at 09:18 AM

CV

“ If you were to open a dictionary; that is what Google used to be called; and looked up " salt of the earth", you would find a picture of dear Betty..So many wonderful memories..Rest in peace with your dear Jerry.  
God bless and love to you all..  
The Van Brunt Family



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**Christopher VanBrunt** - October 10, 2023 at 04:49 PM

BK

Such a good descriptor of my aunt!!

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**Barbara Kuhlke** - November 10, 2023 at 08:16 PM

ML

“ Betty was a friend for many decades. She was kind, smart, creative and fun. She was curious and interested in many things. Betty had a special underlying courage and perseverance. I will miss her. 🌸



Margaret Lam - October 08, 2023 at 01:41 PM

BK

I agree! She and Uncle Jerry continued to be engaged with current events and found the thread of life through it all - nature, family, and humor.

Barbara Kuhlke - November 10, 2023 at 08:18 PM

SU

“ I'm blessed to have had Betty as my mother in law and friend. I miss and love her so much! ❤️

Sue - October 06, 2023 at 03:40 PM

BA

“ Betty made beautiful shirts, in a mountain person style. I bought one of those, and think of her every time I wear it!

Bill Awsumb - October 05, 2023 at 07:10 PM