



Betty Jo Elder

November 21, 1932 - January 30, 2012

Betty Jo Elder died January 27, 2012 at Columbine West Skilled Nursing Facility. Betty was born November 21, 1932 to Leslie and Nellie Groves Lambert in Greeley Colorado. Betty spent her younger years in the Greeley area before the Lambert family moved to Hereford Colorado in 1948 where they farmed. At a community dance Betty met her future husband Clayton Elder. Clayton and Betty were married November 5, 1950. Betty was a very loving wife, mother & grandmother as well as being a caring & compassionate friend. Her grandchildren will always remember the wonderful times they spent with their grandparents running their own soda fountain, cooking, baking pies & spending endless hours playing. She is survived by her husband Clayton, one brother, Bill Janie Lambert, Sons, Kevin Paula Elder, Bryan Kay Elder & daughter Kim Loren Martin. She is also survived by a granddaughter Ashley Zach Reynolds, & grandsons, Shane Kelly Elder, Drew Martin, Clayton & James Elder & three great-grandchildren Chase & Sage Elder & Elizabeth Reynolds & numerous nieces & nephews who she loved very much. She was preceded in death by her son Gary & parents, Leslie & Nellie Lambert & sister, Lois Jean. We would like to express our appreciation to the entire staff from Columbine West Nursing home & Pathways Hospice for the care, attention and support you have provided to our mother and our family. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at Faith United Church of Christ, 1020 Walnut St., Windsor, CO. Pastor Fred Evenson will officiate at the service. Memorial contributions may be made to

Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of Betty's family. I have so many memories of her, Clayton and their kids while growing up in our little town of Hereford. Our families shared numerous times together from unexpected get togethers for Sunday dinner after church to picnics in the backyard on summer days. I am so grateful for those times and especially happy that she and my mother, Shirley Mason who considered Betty just like a sister were able to spend many hours on the phone over the last few years reminiscing over the "good ole days". She will truly be missed by all but we are secure knowing that she is now pain free and with her son, Gary.

Shari Ritter - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Your ENTIRE family remains in my thoughts and prayers. It was beautiful the way you all rallied to honor both your mom and dad at this most difficult time. Wishing you all the best. Jill RN, Pathways Hospice

Jill Gould, RN - February 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Betty was a special person with a big heart, and we will miss her. Kristin and I feel blessed to have known Betty. One fond memory that we have is that she recommended the movie "Secondhand Lions" to us. It has become a favorite, and when we watch it, we always think of Betty and Clayton. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, John and Kristin Ebens

John and Kristin Ebens - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ It was my privilege to care for Betty at Columbine West as one of her CNAs. Betty was a wonderful Christian woman who was tremendously proud of her family, which was quite evident throughout our frequent conversations. She is with the Lord now... How Glorious!

Rebecca Garrett - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kim & Loren Want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers in the loss of your mother. Jerry & Dorothy Firestien.

Jerry & Dorothy Firestien - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ My memories of Betty go back to when I had Gary in school and continue through now. What a delightful person she was and how she loved her family! We are all richer for having known her. I send my condolences to all of you, but we can only be happy that she is no longer suffering from poor health. What a great lady and wife and mother and grandmother she was.

Beth Bashor - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM