



Betty Anne Martell-Husted

September 19, 1920 - April 11, 2016

Betty Anne Martell-Husted 95 of Fort Collins, passed away April 11, 2016. Betty Anne was born September 19, 1920 at home in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Her parents were Ace and Nelle Gillett. She grew up in Fort Morgan where her father owned the Navajo restaurant and a car dealership. Betty Anne was a Camp Fire Girl and she continued friendships with that group through the present. She graduated from Fort Morgan High School in 1938 and attended all of her high school reunions through the 71st celebration. The Gillett's moved to Fort Collins in 1940 to run the restaurant in the Northern Hotel. Ace later bought both the Northern and Armstrong Hotels. Betty Anne began her college career at Colorado College where she was a member of the Gamma Phi Sorority and the Colorado College Drama Club. She worked at the Northern Hotel and graduated from Colorado A & M in 1942 with a B.S. in Sociology. She returned to Colorado College and completed a Master's Degree in Sociology in 1947. Betty Anne married James J. Martell in 1949 at Cathedral Chapel in Los Angeles, CA. They made their home in Kremmling, CO, San Diego, CA and settled in Fort Collins in 1953. James passed away in 1979. Betty Anne married Dr. Joel Husted, a Colorado College friend, in 1993. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She is survived by her son, James A. Martell (Christy), daughter Mary Anne Martell (Ed Harris), daughter Patty Martell, and grandson Antonio Martell-Rodriguez all of Fort Collins.

Betty Anne was a 5th grade teacher at St. Joseph's School from 1961-1964. She was a sales manager for World Book Encyclopedia for four years until she became an administrative assistant for Gasamat Company until 1984. She was also a travel agent for Rocky Mountain Travel King and thoroughly enjoyed her trips to Ireland, England, Mexico, and to C.S.U. football games. During her retirement she worked part time at Anheuser Busch as a tour guide. Volunteering and contributing to the Fort Collins community was important to Betty Anne. She helped organize the St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar and volunteered for the St. Rita's Altar and Rosary Society. She volunteered for the Fort Collins Convention and Visitors Bureau, Democratic Party, and she was active in the CSU Alumni Association and Gamma Phi Beta sorority at CSU. Betty Anne was a long standing member and officer of Quota Club International of Fort Collins. She thoroughly enjoyed her many social connections with Birthday Club, and book clubs. She was a passionate and loyal CSU Ram fan and avid member of the CSU Ram Club. Betty Anne participated in all activities while living at The Worthington and New Mercer Commons and especially enjoyed riding on the Columbine floats in the Homecoming parades and playing darts with the CSU Men's Basketball Team. Betty Anne loved to attend and cheer for her grandson at all of his sporting events. She enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, reading, family vacations in California and dressing up for any holiday. She had a real zest for life, was a very positive, spunky woman who never lost her sense of humor and dearly loved her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held for Betty Anne at Café Vino on Sunday, April 17th 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Colorado State University Foundation in support of the CSU Alumni Association.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *My sincerest condolences on the passing of your mother. Our mothers are special people in our lives, and hopefully the wonderful memories you & your families have of her will help you through this difficult time. Hugs to you all.*

Marilyn Morgan

Marilyn Morgan - April 18, 2016 at 01:59 PM

NA

“ *Thank you so much for introducing me to your mom! We had such fun when I cooked for her; Friday afternoon lunch was always a special treat. I enjoyed going to the Worthington to have lunch with her. We enjoyed our lunches out, too, and doing errands with her were always a hoot. BAM is a perfect acronym for her, she was always so spunky and upbeat. She was a great role model of how to live life. I will carry her spirit with me for years to come.*

My condolences to all of you on your loss. It was good to see you at Café Vino, she would have loved the tribute. Nancy Aylward

Nancy Aylward - April 17, 2016 at 03:56 PM

LA

“ *Betty Anne; sassy, ageless, fun loving, You will stay in my heart forever. I hope that when I am 90+ people think the same of me.*

My condolences to all who loved her so. I know I did. RIP my friend.

Lorraine Archer

Lorraine Archer - April 17, 2016 at 10:43 AM



“ *Betty was both a real "kick" and inspiration to those who knew her. I only hope to have that much spunk when I'm in my 90's. Huge hugs to the family!*

Deena Steward - April 15, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *We are sincerely sorry to hear of Betty Anne's passing. Such a strong, outgoing person! She will be dearly missed by the community of Fort Collins. So sorry, sincerely, Janet and Wayne Lind*



Janet Lind - April 15, 2016 at 05:03 PM



“ *Kathleen Tuttle lit a candle in memory of Betty Anne Martell-Husted*



Kathleen Tuttle - April 15, 2016 at 01:58 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences in your loss of a wonderful lady...From our family to yours.*

The family of Art and Barbara Tuttle

Kathleen Tuttle - April 15, 2016 at 01:58 AM

NS

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the Martell family. Betty Anne was such a wonderful, fun loving and kind person. She made our life that much nicer in Ft Collins. My husband Pete and I arrived as newly weds in Ft Collins in 1958--I taught at St Joseph's and Pete was at CSU in vet school. Taught Jimmy in 3rd grade. Kept in touch through the years--BettyAnne was a very special, caring friend. Our prayers are with you all.

Nancy and Pete Seiler
Ft Lauderdale, FL

Nancy Seiler - April 14, 2016 at 06:44 PM

VF

“ So many memories of Betty Ann as a Gamma Phi: Her stories of life in the house during her years living in it. Her many contributions to the active chapter during her years after college. Her activities as an alum. Her loyalty to CSU. Her little red car. It was a privilege to have known Betty Ann and her wonderful family. My condolences to all of you.

With love, Virginia Febinger
And
"Ginger the Clown"

Virginia Febinger - April 14, 2016 at 04:25 PM

SG

“ The Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta will certainly miss Betty Ann. She was a loyal sister who brought such joy and laughter to our chapter activities. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Sharon Green - April 14, 2016 at 03:51 PM

SG

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Sharon Green - April 14, 2016 at 03:48 PM

SG

Betty Ann was proud of her 75 years as a member of Gamma Phi Beta. She was so loved by her sorority sisters.

Sharon Green - April 15, 2016 at 03:25 PM

JG

“ *Prayers and thoughts to Betty Ann's family. Jerry Gavaldon in behalf of the Gavaldon Family.*

Jerry Gavaldon - April 14, 2016 at 08:45 AM

AG

“ *BA was such a unique lady. Her fireball personality was so fun to be around and will truly be missed.*

Alexis Gordon - April 13, 2016 at 10:10 PM

TB

“ *Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Anne Martell-Husted.*



Tau Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta - April 13, 2016 at 01:40 PM

LH

“ I will so miss Betty Ann and her "fire cracker" personality. She was a love!

I will always remember her riding on the floats for CSU Homecoming. She was definitely a RAM FAN and a wonderful Gamma Phi Beta sister.

She will definitely be missed!

Linda Hinshaw

Linda Hinshaw - April 13, 2016 at 12:44 PM