



## Betty Jo Sparks

May 4, 1930 - December 20, 2015

Betty Jo (Jodi) Sparks 85, of Ft. Collins, Colorado died peacefully in her sleep in Ft. Collins on Sunday, December 20, 2015 after an extended battle with Alzheimer's.

Jodi was born on May 4, 1930 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska to Joseph and Audrey Jinks. The oldest child, Jodi was raised with her sisters, Marilyn and Patty. She married William Ralph (Bud) Sparks on June 21, 1952; they were married 39 years until Bud's untimely death on November 23, 1991. Together they had three children, Shane (Cindy), Casey (Hannah) and Shannon (Paul) and were blessed with eight grandchildren, Patrick, Jessica, Shawn, Tara, Makala, John Mac, Melissa and Amanda.

Jodi attended college at Western Nebraska Community College. She worked as a Teacher's Aide in the Poudre RE-1 School District. She was an extremely talented artist and was loved deeply by her young students. Later, Jodi worked for Hewlett Packard as an Administrative Support Team Member. During her 28 year tenure at HP and as the result of her reliable, kind, caring and supportive demeanor, Jodi became known as "Mom" to her many colleagues.

Before being stricken with Alzheimer's, Jodi completed a number of Bible Study International (BSI) classes. Her faith was strong and unwavering in all

circumstances.

Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. Private interment will be held at Roselawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution to Pathways Hospice or the American Alzheimer's Association in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 880524

# Cemetery Details

## **Roselawn Cemetery**

2718 E. Mulberry  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Betty Jo Sparks.*



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December 30, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ *Love, laughter, tears, spiritually alert. Teacher, Counselor, Listener this describes my precious friend. We walked together. Shared our families. Loved and protected each others children. She taught me to plug in to the Holy Spirit and helped me when I grieved. I comforted her when her Mother passed and her precious Sister Mary Lou followed. We talked and laughed of memories of Bud. She loved her little Sister Patty. I got to enjoy them all. God speed my Friend. I will catch up soon. Love, Ruth Horak*

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**Ruth Horak** - December 30, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *Dean, Heidi, Kayla, Kelsey, and Kolt purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Betty Jo Sparks.*



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**Dean, Heidi, Kayla, Kelsey, and Kolt** - December 29, 2015 at 10:40 AM

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“ Shane, May you and your entire family feel the strength and caring of all who know you as you find your way to peace in your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and always. John and Mary Beth Solano

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**Mary Beth Solano** - December 28, 2015 at 09:36 AM

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“ Sparks family: I am so sorry for your loss. I loved knowing Jodi through Pati. We would go to Ft. Collins to visit and went out to lunch. Great fun. Jodi had a wonderful sense of humor and was always so gracious to me. She is missed!



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**Susan Selvey** - December 26, 2015 at 07:20 PM