



Burdette and Wilda Woodward

June 20, 1917 - August 30, 2010

Wilda May Woodward

June 20, 1917 ~ August 30, 2010 Wilda May Woodward, a longtime Fort Collins resident, died August 30, 2010 at home at the age of 93. She passed gently in her sleep. Wilda was born June 20, 1917 to parents John and Jessie Cook Pierce. She had two brothers, Orville and Homer. They lived on a homestead near Hudson Colorado until moving to Fort Collins. She attended Fort Collins High School, receiving her diploma in 1936. She attended Colorado A & M Colorado State University receiving her BS in Home Economics Education in 1940. She married Tom Ely of Fort Collins in 1941. They had one daughter, Sandra, in 1942. Tom Ely was killed in 1943 in a car-train crash near the intersection of Lake and College in Fort Collins. During the next three years she taught school first in Wellington then in Granada and finally in Fowler, Colorado. After World War II, she met Burdette "Woody" Woodward of Streator Illinois and subsequently married him August 3, 1947. They lived for a year in Streator then moved to Fort Collins where Woody worked for Poudre School District and Wilda taught school at Rocky Ridge School, then at Laporte Elementary School. She retired in 1972. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, a member of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, Eastern Star, White Shrine, Homemakers of Larimer County, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Red Hat Society. She collected antiques and dolls from all the countries of the world. She was an avid Ram fan and has attended almost every CSU football game since the

stadium was built. Survivors include daughters, Sandra Lance Remick of Honolulu and Mylamay Phil Tscheschke of Centennial; grandchildren , Thomas Remick of Colorado Springs, David Remick of Fishers, Indiana, Gary Remick of Golden Valley, Minnesota, Daniel Tscheschke of Centennial, Walter Tscheschke of Denver, and Theresa Tscheschke Erkan Gunal of Centennial; plus four great-grandchildren. Preceding Wilda in death are her parents, John and Jessie Pierce, brothers Homer and Orville Pierce.

A Funeral Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, 1005 Stover St. at 1:00 p.m. on September 17, 2010. Rev. Charles Schuster will officiate the service. A Reception will immediately follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Graveside Service will immediately follow the reception at Grandview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the First Methodist Church, 1005 Stover at Elizabeth, Fort Collins, CO 80521. Burdette Gary "Woody" Woodward June 15, 1915 ~ January 1, 2010 Burdette Gary "Woody" Woodward died Friday January 1, 2010 at the age of 94 at the University of Colorado Medical Center Fitzsimmons in Denver. He passed gently in his sleep. Woody was born June 15, 1915 in Streator, Illinois. He had three brothers and one sister. Woody was an Army Combat Engineer with 4 ½ years of combat duty during World War II. He participated in the amphibious invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Naples, Anzio and Marseille. After the war Woody visited his brother, Harry in Colorado and met Wilda May Pierce Ely who he subsequently courted and married on August 3, 1947 in Estes Park. Woody and Wilda have lived in Fort Collins since 1950. He worked for Poudre R-1 School District as a custodian for 33 years at both Dunn and Washington Elementary schools. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, a member of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, and the Associate Guardian of Jobs Daughters. He is a member of the Masons, the York Rite, and the Shriners. Woody is an accomplished musician who played the piano, organ, drums, and ukulele. He has played in several musical groups in the Fort Collins & Loveland area. Survivors include his wife, Wilda; daughters Mylamay Phil Tscheschke of

Centennial and Sandra Lance Remick of Honolulu; grandchildren , Thomas Remick of Colorado Springs, David Remick of Fishers, Indiana, Gary Remick of Golden Valley, Minnesota, Daniel Tscheschke and Walter Tscheschke of Denver, and Theresa Erkan Gunal of Los Angeles, plus four great grandchildren. Preceding Woody in death are his parents, Lester and Florence Woodward; sister, Clara; brothers, Jim, Harry, and Roy. A Funeral Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, 1005 Stover St., on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Charles Schuster will officiate the service. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery with Military Honors by the Fort Collins All Veteran Honor Guard. A Reception will immediately follow the interment at First United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Sandy and family, I had the honor and privilege to meet your parents and spend some time with them through the years as they visited with you. The loss of a loved one is most difficult and leaves their loved ones with an empty feeling. May your memories warm your heart and fill that empty space. May the sunshine and love fill your heart and the tears turn to smiles as you remember the life you shared. With sympathy and fondest regards, Martha

Martha Conboy - October 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Mom - Now you walk in memory. Most of us did get a chance to say goodbye and tell you we loved you. You saw many things in your life. You saw many parts of the world and certainly all of Fort Collins and CSU and your beloved Rams. Best of all, you saw your daughters grown and their families begin to grow. You saw your Grandchildren and Four Great-Grandchildren. What a blessing! Your life left us with Gardens of Memories. It is comforting to know that you will always have a special place in each of our hearts. All your family will have their unique special remembrances and memories of you.

Lance & Sandy Remick - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Dear Wilda and Burdette I hope I and my husband would be a great couple like you and stay together happily many long years as you did. You were an example couple. Although there were thousands of things more we could learn from you, I am happy to be able to meet you and learn sth from your great life experience.

Nazan Gunal Telli - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Dearest Grandma, We all will miss you greatly. I remember all the time you visited and especially the fun times we had cooking. You will always hold a special place in my heart and memories. Love, Gary

Gary Remick - September 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Dear Sandy, Lance, Mylamay and Phil, and your lovely families -- I am so sorry that I cannot be with you at this time. One of the last things your mom asked me was if I would come to her funeral. I promised I would, if I could. And had I not been away from the US, I would have been there. Your mom and dad were very special people in my life -- as you still are, and I will miss them, and celebrate their lives through my times with you. I wish you God's richest blessings and peace at this time. Love, Kate

Kathryn Koob - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Guess it's all part of God's plan - some go early, so live to 93.

Ruth Vidito - September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ I will never forget Wilda's lovely postcards at every occasion. Burdette's last piano keystrokes are still in my ears. May their place be in heaven..

Erkan Gunal - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We hope that you will treasure the good memories you have had over the years.

Larry and Cindy Remick - September 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Grandma and Grandpa may you rest in peace. They always loved life even when things were rough.

Daniel Tscheschke - September 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ cont. The words spoken at Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Funeral Service Tribute Sister Wilda was a member for 22 years. A daughter of noble sire has fallen. As sinks the setting sun to rise again another morn. So fell asleep our Sister to rise in the Land of Endless Day. Her trials and toils are over and she has entered into rest. As her father offered his life, his fortune and his sacred honor for the preservation of his country, in its hour of greatest need, so had our Sister pledged herself to honor, ‘THE FLAG OUR FATHERS SAVED.’ May our spirits here be filled with the spirit of Loyalty. Sister, we loved thee here and our remembrance of thee shall be pleasant. While we mourn the loss, we will strive to practice the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, in our dealing with each other.” Close with praying the Lord’s Prayer From the Colorado-Wyoming Department DUV, Ellenor Larsen Past National President

Ellenor Larsen - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ *Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 Funeral Service Tribute* ”We have assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of our departed Sister Wilda. While we mourn her loss and feel that her vacant place in our Tent can never be filled, we rejoice that where she now is there is no more parting, no sorrow, no tears. Fraternity bound us by such strong ties here that we trust we may all be true to her memory and that our lives may be such that we will be united in the world to come. We have before us all that remains of the mortal form of a sister who was pledged with us to exercise the greatest of Christian virtues – Charity. Let us strive to exercise that virtue toward all men, and may it be to us a guiding star, causing each to strive with the other in noble acts of kindness and charity, that we may eventually reap the rich reward promised who are true, ‘Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.’ continued

Ellenor Larsen - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *John and I will miss our Evenstar neighbor Wilda. Always enjoyed visiting with her. One of the many times I will think of her is when I again use her recipe for bran muffins. She and Woody had a wonderful recipe for living a good life. Roberta Milne*

Roberta/John Milne - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ *Mylamay, Phil, and family, Our deepest and sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear mother. I will miss her sitting near me in the Sunday worship service. She and her mother, Jessie, were such good friends to my grandmother, Nettie. Joyce and I are out of town and regret that we will miss her memorial service. Phil, I still have family history I promise to send you. Again, our sympathy. Chuck and Joyce Johnson*

Chuck Johnson - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Sandy and Mylamay, It is with a heavy heart that I acknowledge the passing of my dear aunt. Some of my most precious memories are of times spent in Colorado on our many visits to the Woodwards in Fort Collins. Your folks were always so gracious to us. Our children will always remember those visits and Aunt Wilda taking us to the mountains, their cabin, Estes Park etc. I know my childhood was enriched by her presence in my life. I always felt loved by both of your parents. A void has been left with her passing, but the precious memories will live on. I thank my God for the blessing of a loving aunt and uncle and I look forward to the day when we will be together again in heaven. May God comfort and strengthen each of you at this most difficult time. I so wish we could be there with you. We will keep in touch. Lovingly, Phil, Judy and Family

Phil & Judy Martin - September 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Myla & Phil, So sorry to hear about your Mother's passing; and, so soon after your father's. It's wonderful she got to see us dance at USA West and that we also got to meet her. Prayers are with you and your family.

Jim & Sharon Peyrouse - September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My Dear Friend, You will be deeply missed. Your smile, your quest for knowledge, your laughter & your big heart. You were one classy lady. Our hearts go out to all of your family & friends.

Tim & Diana Schnabel - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KT

“Woody” and Wilda will be much missed by all. Our lives were enriched by knowing them. As a Rainbow girl, member of OES and United Methodist Church...or even as a native of Fort Collins, the Woodwards were always there lending a helping hand, brightening our days and sharing their adventures.

Kathleen Tuttle - September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mrs. Woodward's passing. She was one of my teachers at Cache La Poudre Elementary. She was always firm but fair. She praised you for your accomplishments and helped you to achieve your goals. My condolences to her family. She was one of my favorite teachers. Nancy Vigil Aylward

Nancy Aylward Vigil - September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ My sincere sympathy to the Woodward family As a school nurse I became acquainted with both Wilda and Woody. They were a devoted couple.

Virginia Febinger - September 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Know my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I feel so privileged to have had the chance to get to know Wilda through DAR. She was a grand lady and will remain one of my favorite people forever. Pat Johnson

Pat Johnson - September 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Sandy, Mylamay & families, Oh my goodness, there must be a reunion going on in paradise with Wilda's arrival. May she rest in peace. May you be comforted with the presence of family and friends in the days ahead.

Rosalie Ashbaugh - September 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To the Family of Burdette Woodward, I remember the gentle spirit of Burdette from the time of my college days when I lived with Sandy and family. Thanks for showing how one could speak and walk gently.

Coralie Hunter - January 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We will miss Woody he was something else he loved his lodge and his music very much Judy and Ivar Samuelson

Judy Samuelson - January 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“ I enjoyed my chats with Burdette when I would visit daughter Sandy in Ft. Collins. she would come to visit her parents and I would go to visit her. Memorable moments were when he would take me to the back yard and show me his flowers, his lawn, and his other endeavors. He was really proud of that...and I was honored to have been given the opportunity to share in his joy. And he had an absolutely beautiful yard! Leslie Zorko.

Leslie Zorko - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dearest Grandpa- Thank you for all of the smiles, and joy you shared with your family. You seemed to make ordinary things seem magical. I remember growing up, on the drive to Estes Park, you would say "I can make the river switch sides of the road. Just watch..." and then as we passed over a bridge you would snap your fingers, and just like magic the river would switch sides. It was your stories and love of life that made me believe that we could all do magic, just like you "moved" the river. Thanks for playing the piano and organ for us. You were my inspiration for my music. Your eyes would just light up when you were in front of a piano. You will be missed, but you taught all who knew you the real meaning of life: love, joy, smiles, laughter, and above all family.

Theresa Tscheschke Gunal - January 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Life is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset. What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others. You only live once - but if you work it right as Uncle Burdette did, once is enough. Memories are pictures painted by our hearts, and nothing can erase them. How lucky we are that Burdette left us all such a treasure of memories.

Leslie & Susan Pierce - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Wilda & Family, We were so sorry to hear that Woody has passed away. He was a great man & will truly be missed. You are always in our hearts & prayers. Sincerely, tim & diana schnabel

Tim & Diana Schnabel - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I would like to offer my condolences on the passing of Woody. I was a college classmate of Sandy's way back in the 60's. We knew if anything happened or we needed a "home" we could depend on the Woodwards. I have some fond memories of those college days and talking with the Woodwards at church on Sundays when back then it was on College Avenue. Good bless you all. Diana & Walter Hotchkiss

Diana Evans Hotchkiss - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Dear Woodward, Tscheschke and Remick Families: Please accept our condolences for Myla's and Sandy's lovely and valued father, Sir and veteran soldier Mr. Burdette Woodward. It was a big pleasure for us to know him. He was really a special gentleman who is very handsome, kind, lovely, clever and sensitive. His great piano melodies are still in my ears... I will remember him with very nice memories.... We are praying for him ...

Nazan and Altan Telli - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I especially liked camping with Grandpa either in the cabins or in a tent. He would always bring his uke to play and we would sing along.

Daniel Tscheschke - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Dear Grandma, Our Families, Relatives and Friends: Grandpa "Woody" will live in our hearts with his sweet melodies and humors forever... Love, Erkan & Theresa Gunal

Erkan & Theresa Gunal - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Dear Wilda and family, My sympathy to you. I remember Woody from my days as a nurse a Washington and then through our years as retirees of Poudre Schools.

Virginia Febinger - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Uncle "Dette" has always been special to me. I could not pronounce Burdette when I was little hence the shortened version of his name. He was my hero coming home from the war and always will be my hero. We have many wonderful memories of our family trips to Colorado. We were always welcomed with love. I so wish I could have been there today, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'll see him again someday soon and we'll have a wonderful reunion.

Judy Martin - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Aunt Wilda, Sandra and Mylamay, My long distance sympathy is with your family, I love you all and know that in spirit I am there with you! I have such great memories of the visits with you and can never thank you enough for the care and concern for me when mom and dad were ill! You were always there for us. I will miss him and our phone chats! Heaven surely is rejoicing as his family is all together again. Love to all.... Pam

Pamela Woodward Zan - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ HE WAS A GREAT AND UNFEAR MAN/CENTLEMAN.IT WAS A BIG PLEASURE TO KNOW AND MEET HIM.BIG SOLDIER,HERO AND TYPICAL CENTLEMAN OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY.HE WAS ALWAYS POSITIVE,GOOD FATHER AND HUSBAND.GOOD MEMORIES NEVER FORGOTTEN. GOOD BY Mr.Burdette Gary WOODWARD.WE ARE SURE YOUR PLACE IS ALLWAYS READY IN PARADISE.....

NEJAT GUNAL - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Grandpa, The stories, the hum jokes, singing and dancing to your music, the times on the golf course, or even the walks to the Masonic temple will remain in our memories. You were loved much and will be missed. It was a blessing to have you as our grandpa and great-grandpa. Love, Tom, Missy, Meranda, Miriah Remick Colorado Springs, CO David, Stephanie, Oksana, Daniel Remick Fishers, IN and Gary Remick Golden Valley, MN

Gary Remick - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Aunt Wilda, Sandy, Mylamay and families, Our condolences on the passing of Uncle Burdette. He was a wonderful man who will be missed by many. We remember him fondly for his humor and warmth, and his pride in serving our country. I pray for God's comfort for all of you. With much love and aloha.

Virginia Easton & Allan Smith, Dakota & Savanna - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ My condolences to the Burdette family. I knew Woody when I worked in PR-1 and as a Brother Mason. I always admired and respected him as a true gentleman. Rest easy Woody!

WILLIAM BRUSS - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ Dear Wilda and Family, Please accept our sympathy in the loss of Woody. As you know I taught in many Poudre R-I Schools and Woody was my favorite custodian. He always had a smile and was so helpful with the music programs. It was his nature to go above and beyond what was expected. Heaven has gained a beautiful soul! May you feel the comforting arms of our Lord. Sincerely, Tom and Patsy

Tom and Patsy Nix - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Sorry to hear of Woody's passing. To go peacefully in your later years is indeed a blessing. Rest with the angels.

Ruth Vidito - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Our condolences to Wilda and the family. Woody was a great man who will be missed by all. It was a pleasure knowing him through Masons and Jobs Daughters. Steve Wagner

Steve Wagner - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Will always treasure the memories with Woody in the Wildcats group.

Jack & Ruth Linder - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ My Father God saw you were getting tired, So he put his arms around you, And whispered, “Come to Me.” The curtain then whisked you up and away To your peaceful rest. But you will always be with me. Tears should not be shed now you are gone, Instead we should smile because you lived. My heart isn't broken but is full of the love we shared. I see all that you've left us, and cherish The memories that will live on. Silly songs and jokes Days spent together on the golf course Beautiful grandchildren who loved their Grandpa Your patience and quiet advice Your gentleness and kindness Your always strong arm to lean on So, in your honor, I'll take on your patience and kindness As a living memorial to you. I'll always love you, Dad.

Sandy & Lance Remick - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I used to work with Woody at Washington School during the summer months in 1970-1973. I really enjoyed working with Woody, hearing his World War 2 stories, learning about life and responsibilities. He was was a very kind and wonderful man. He will be missed. My thoughts are with Woody and his family. Regards, Jerry Gavaldon

Jerry Gavaldon - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We will miss Woody's infectious humor and his great stories. God Bless you and your family in the following days.

Leonard and Betty Donnelly, PNG - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VP

“ We all will miss Woody very much. I thank god for times we have shared with him. Bless you and your family with the trying times ahead. FLT Vicky Christison, NG.

Vicky Christison Rebekah Grace #58 NG. PNG. - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories of Uncle Burdette from years ago when he would visit Streator. Jim was my father-in-law. Love - Mary Ann

Mary Ann Woodward - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. My family appreciated Mr. Woodward's kindness to the American Baptist Church when he was custodian at Dunn School and our congregation met there. I remember the interest he had in the students when I attended Dunn school. I have fond memories of spending time with Camp Fire Girls at your cabin.

Janet Sidebottom Morony - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Dear Wilda and family, The Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Fidelity Lodge #192 wish to express to you our deepest sympathy over the loss of your devoted Burdette and our esteemed Brother. Brother Burdette was a genuine Mason – good, upright and well-loved by all who knew him. We shall miss him and his friendly smile and handclasp. While we can well imagine how deep your grief must be, we are sure you will find great consolation in the monument of love and respect Burdette left behind. No one who knew him intimately will ever forget him. If there is anything we can do for you, now or in the future, please call on us. Sincerely, Fidelity Lodge #192, A.F.&A.M. Fort Collins, Colorado

Larry D. Moline, Secretary - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Wilda On behalf of Bethel 28 of the International Order of Job's Daughters, we truly express our deep felt sympathies to you at Mr. Burdette's passing. Woody was our Associate Bethel Guardian for 10-1/2 years. He saw a lot a girls go through Job's and he considered each and every one "his girls." Mr. Burdette will be missed by all of us. You are in our prayers. Monica Brundeen Bethel Guardian

Monica Brundeen - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We are sorry for you loss. Woody was always ready with a great story! We will miss his wit! You are all in our prayers...

Larry and Cindy Remick - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *It has been a real treat to know Woody both personally and through Masonry. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Star Love, Roger C*

Roger Cornett - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *we where lodge brothers he will be missed. he is in a better place with GOD*

Douglas Thompson - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *To: Family You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Jimmy, Kjersten and John Woodward*

Jimmy Woodward - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM