



Cora Gwendolyn Bohlender

July 20, 1933 - September 28, 2020

Gwen Bohlender, 87, of Fort Collins, died September 28, 2020 at her son's home. Gwen was born July 20, 1933 in St. Paul, Alberta, Canada to Henry Wesley Walker and Margaret Alice Chater Walker. When she was a child, Gwen's family moved to Missouri before settling in Greeley, CO. Gwen graduated from Campion Academy in Loveland, CO in 1953. She followed the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church all of her life.

After high school she planned to pursue her dream and become a nurse. Shortly after enrolling in nursing school, an unfortunate family incident forced her to return to her family to help raise her four brothers and two sisters. During this time she also helped financially support her family by working several part time jobs.

She married her husband, Milo Bohlender, in Greeley, on August 15, 1954. Milo and Gwen moved to Fort Collins in 1960 where Gwen continued working part time jobs to support her young family, including hand starching and ironing CSU Veterinarian student's laboratory coats for .25 cents each. Her first full time job was at Safeway, where she worked as a checker for many years. She then joined her husband, Milo, at Warren Funeral Chapel as a receptionist and secretary. It seems that they were never apart while together at the funeral home. Her children agree they were attached at the hip, working together for over 45 years at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Her passions included china painting, making porcelain dolls, and collecting Simpich dolls and Hummel figurines. She was a master seamstress and her sewing skills were evident in the handmade clothing that she dressed each of her porcelain dolls in. She loved travelling with friends to Branson, MO and spending time in the mountains up by the Poudre River. She was a huge fan of all sports, but especially loved the Colorado Rockies and CSU athletics. For many years, she sat front and center with her husband Milo at CSU Basketball games.

Survivors include a daughter Vaundeen Bachus and her husband Dr. Kevin Bachus; a son Gary Bohlender and his wife Kristin, all of Fort Collins; a sister, Iris Langston of Alamosa, CO; and two grandchildren, Scout and Stella Bohlender, both of Fort Collins.

Preceding Gwen in death are her parents; four brothers, LaVerne, Bernard, Russell, and Franklin Walker; a sister, Maurine Tidquist, and her husband, Milo.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Private Entombment will follow on October 1, 2020 at Grandview Cemetery.

Gwen's family would like to thank the staff at New Mercer Commons, Columbine West Health and Rehab Facility, Visiting Angels, and Pathways Hospice for their care, love, and support over the last two years.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Cora Gwendolyn Bohlender*



Bohlender Funeral Chapel - October 01, 2020 at 08:50 PM



Gary , kristen and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Rose Vasquez

Rose Vasquez - October 04, 2020 at 08:40 AM

HY

Gary and Vaundeen and family, I worked with your parents through Vital Statistics for several years. They both took care of several families for so many years. Thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Holly Younger - October 06, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DM

“ *We miss seeing Gwen and her late husband at CSU Women's basketball games. We sat behind them and shared many stories about the games. They were wonderful people to know.*

Dwight and Jean Miles - October 05, 2020 at 01:41 PM

LA

“ I will miss my Aunt Gwen, especially her teasing me about making homemade things. Whenever I had a garden she would ask me...
"Lindsay they sell that stuff in the grocery store you know?"
Everytime I tried to can something she'd say the same thing! I will miss that. I loved talking to her on the phone when my Mom would call and my Uncle Milo and Aunt Gwen would always make me feel welcome when I came to visit. I'm sorry for everyone's loss that loved her.

Lindsay Achatz - October 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM

MP

“ I remember, as high schoolers, hanging out with Gary and there were phones with intercom in virtually every room in the house, upstairs from the funeral chapel, and Gwen would inevitably beep for Gary. . .”Beep! Gary.”
“What.”
“I need you to help set up a viewing room.”
“Ok” . . .
”Beep. Gary.” “
What”
“Hurry every chance you get”
😭🙏
Prayers for Gary & his family.

Matt Pfeiffer - September 30, 2020 at 05:07 PM

LE

“ *Gwen was the sweetest Woman that I have ever met, Her and milo took care of our families passings for 60 years.. With Deepest Sympathy to the Family..Blessings*



Lenore Elliott Bujack

Lenore Elliott - September 30, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MB

“ *What a bounty to have known Gwen and Milo. They brought comfort and strength to so many over the years and we feel fortunate to have known them both. Our love and deepest sympathy go out to all the family. May God's love surround Gwen as she joins Milo in the next world.*

Margie and Steve Brown

Margie and Steve Brown - September 30, 2020 at 11:05 AM

SH

“ *Gwen and Milo were two of the most generous, supportive and fun-loving people that we've ever had the privilege of knowing. Gwen is missed by many, many people who were blessed to have had her in their lives, ourselves included. We are most thankful to have known and been friends with both Gwen & Milo for nearly 40 years and pray for God's comfort & blessings for all of their remaining family. We love you guys! -- Steve & Gail Hall*

Stephen Hall - September 30, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gwen was such a wonderful person. My Mother had so many wonderful stories of her kindness when she worked for her. She made Mom feel like part of your family, so I felt so also.

Heaven gained another kind angel!

Gail Meisner

Gail Meisner - September 30, 2020 at 09:24 AM

KB

“ Favorite memories of Gwen. Attending the CSU basketball games with Milo and Gwen, eating at Ponchos, hanging out at the cabin, watching Chevy Chase's Christmas Vacation and the Sound of Music (her favorites) for the 100th time.....just to name a few. I couldn't have asked for a better mother-in-law!!! Kevin Bachus

Kevin Bachus - September 29, 2020 at 06:52 PM

RB

I remember Gwen so faithfully manning the desk. In the 1980s when I was researching for what became the book about the Bingham Hill Cemetery, for months they let me sit and read every single burial record of early Fort Collins to glean those who were buried in LaPorte. They were patient and helpful.

Rose Brinks - October 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM