



Dinah Lee Kittel

November 10, 1939 - October 15, 2016

Dinah Lee Kittel, 76, of Laporte, died October 15, 2016 at her home gracefully and peacefully, surrounded by her family. Dinah was born in Fort Collins on November 10, 1939 to Joseph Miller and Ruth Petit Miller. Dinah graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1957. She then married her high school sweetheart, Harvey Leroy Kittel on September 24, 1957. They then lived in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina while Harvey was in the Army, Special Forces as a paratrooper. Dinah worked at a laundry while they were in Ft. Bragg. They had their first child, Toni, while they were in Ft. Bragg. They then moved back to Ft. Collins and Dinah helped Harvey run the Scout 66 Filling Station. In 1967 their second daughter, Valery was born. 1976 was when they purchased Vern's Place. Dinah devoted most of the rest of her life to the day to day operations of the restaurant, while raising her two girls. Vern's is still owned by Dinah's family where she worked with them until months before her death.

Dinah was a person of strong faith and a devout member of Resurrection Fellowship in Loveland where she served as a greeter for many years. Dinah enjoyed shopping and collecting vintage hats. She was known as a person of great style and grace. Her grace surrounded others with a tremendous feeling of peace. This was especially felt during the last months of her life.

Survivors include her daughter; Valery and husband, Nick, their two children, Mitchell and Mykel of Ft. Collins; as well as Toni's children, Kara, Dianna,

Johnny, Laina, and Andrew; one great-grandchild, Zachary; her sister-in law and dear friend, Harriet Bliss.

Preceding Dinah in death are her parents, husband, Harvey; a daughter, Toni Todd; and grandson, Tommy Woodruff.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at Grandview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice or the American Cancer Society, in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 W. Mountain Ave.
Ft. Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Several years ago, Tom and I would take regular walks around Watson Lake. Dinah was also an avid walker and loved Watson lake as well. We would always stop and chat along the way, discussing the beauty and how fortunate we were to live in such a special place. We feel blessed to have known her!*
Suzie and Tom Barbour

Susan E Barbour - October 23, 2016 at 04:09 PM

RB

“ *One time, many years ago, we both had both bought the same bright green rimmed glasses. They were rather unusual so we thought that was funny that we had both picked that particular style. . A silly memory. Later I gave mine to Kathy Gladman , also near-sighted, and she wore them, often taped together, until finally they were lost in her home. I wonder what happened to Dinahs. I am so sorry to hear of her death; she was much too young.*

Rose Brinks - October 21, 2016 at 02:37 PM

SH

“ *I grew up with Dinah, Harvey and Toni as my neighbors on Peterson Street. Dinah gave me my first job- "babysitting" Toni. (She was 8. I was 13.) We had a fun summer playing together while Dinah worked. Through the years we saw each other around town. She exuded grace and poise, and friendliness. I am so grateful to have known her.*

Sandra (Cross) Haddorff - October 20, 2016 at 11:24 AM

LM

“ We are so blessed to have known Dinah and will always remember her exquisite style, quiet grace, and gentle sense of humor. A beautiful lady and role model. We thank the Lord for sharing Dinah with us.



Liz and Mark Malwitz - October 19, 2016 at 04:31 PM

CJ

“ We will miss her beautiful smile and kind words. Our thoughts and prayers are with all you!
Cheryl & Denny Jorgensen

Cheryl & Denny Jorgensen - October 18, 2016 at 11:00 AM