



Dorothy Trostel Hurley

September 9, 2013

Dorothy Trostel Hurley July 25, 1919 – September 9, 2013 Dorothy Trostel Hurley passed away in Fort Collins on September 9, 2013 at the age of 94. Born in Caddoa, CO, Dorothy moved with her family to Fort Collins in 1929, just before her father opened the Carl Trostel Lumber Company on Linden Street. Dorothy graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1937, and in 1941 from Colorado A & M sixteen years before it became Colorado State University. Seeking greater adventure than her home town offered, Dorothy joined the U.S. State Department's Foreign Service and travelled to Bolivia as soon as civilian travel was permitted following World War II. There she met and married Nick Hurley, a mining engineer from Minnesota. Together they lived and raised their two children in mining camps around the world: in the high Andes of Bolivia, the equatorial jungle of British Guiana, a busy metropolis in Brazil, and amid the ancient copper slag heaps on the island of Cyprus. The family returned to Fort Collins in 1963, at which point swimming meets, Camp Fire Girls, school band concerts and other family activities occupied both her time and the family station wagon. Gardening was always a favorite hobby, and she loved nothing more than to spend a hot summer day out in the back yard, nurturing the plants that she, her mother, and her daughter had collected in their travels. Travel remained a top priority, whether sharing the state of Colorado with her children or flying off to visit foreign lands: Spain, Portugal, Russia, Germany, the Bahamas, England and Mexico. Throughout her life Dorothy also enjoyed sewing, drawing and painting,

playing bridge, or just sitting and reading—preferably with a cat on her lap. Dorothy is survived by her son Terry and wife Patty Boehlke of Dallas, OR; her daughter Carol and husband Jim Sabey of Fort Collins; her eight grandchildren and just-shy-of-five great grandchildren. She is also survived by Charlie, the world's luckiest rags-to-riches cat, and her beloved little red car. Preceding Dorothy in death were her husband, Nick; her parents, Carl and Nettie Trostel; her sister Mary Sears and brother-in-law Robert Sears. A memorial service will be held at eleven o'clock on Thursday, September 19th at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I was happy to have known Dorothy. But after yesterday's service and the eulogies, I wish I had known her much better. What an amazing lady!

Jennifer Bell - September 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ When we moved to Fort Collins in 1987, we were fortunate to move into the house next door to Dorothy and Nick Hurley. From the start, they made us feel welcome and at home in our new home town. I was always fascinated by Dorothy's wit, intelligence, and her soft-spoken, clear way of speaking. Through our twenty years next door, Dorothy was a wonderful neighbor and friend. Terry and Carol, our hearts and prayers are with the whole Hurley family.

Andy and Julie Sleeper - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Carol I'm so sorry to read about your mom's passing. I really enjoyed getting to know her when our company did that electrical work for her a few years ago. My thoughts are with you and your family. Mike Haddorff

Mike Haddorff - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ I'm very sorry to read of Dorothy's passing. She was certainly a pillar during my days at St. Luke's. Peace to all.

Wendell Frey - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ We have known Dorothy a relatively short period of her life, but her joy for living and determination to live it to the fullest showed through to the end. We will miss her.

Frances & Michael Moran - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Carol, I am so very sorry to hear of mom's passing. I have known Dorothy for over 15 years as I started managing her rentals in 1999. I have fond memories of our endless lunches, our talks on travel and arts, and most memorable rides in her "speedy" sports car when my blood pressure would hit an all time high. Dorothy was most knowledgeable, spirited, full of energy and life lady , always ready to tell a phenomenal story. I will miss her dearly. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.

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WC

“ Terry and Patty. Dorothy raised a wonderful son, who with Patty raised a family to be proud of. A wonderful legacy.

Walt and Marty Crichlow - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ To all of the Hurley family: We are sorry to hear of the passing of your mom/grandma. We so enjoyed the many stories told over the years and hope that you will be comforted by them as you remember her. We love and miss you. Praying for peace and comfort for each of you. Ian, Dana-Lee and "our" kids.

Ian & Dana-Lee Munro - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Terry and Family, My thought and prayers are with you. Mrs. Hurley sounds like quite a woman. I know she will be missed.

Sarah Davis - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ Dorothy moved to my Mom's apt bldg in about '07. She sat at Mom's dinner table & next to me on Fridays. She would share interesting stories clever with a sense of humor. Mom had to move to Columbine West & I saw Dorothy there. I went up to her but she didn't remember me. She was aware that she had memory problems & asked me to come back & remind her of how she knew me. When I said that I worked at the police dept, there was a spark of remembrance in her eyes. The last time I saw Dorothy was the night that Mom died, & I was helping to push the gurney. We were passing Dorothy's room, & I popped my head in & said, "Goodnight Dorothy!" She looked up at me with her big smile & said, "Goodnight honey!" I was blessed to have been able to hear so many wonderful stories & experiences from her. And she showed such an interest in me too, & wanted to hear about the police dept, & hear about my dog & cat & the mountains. Seems like small potatoes in comparison to her life

Susan Vance - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM