



Eileen J. Mitotes-Avalos

October 17, 2011 - October 17, 2011

In the wee hours of Friday morning, October 14, 2011, God came quietly and his angels lifted our beloved Eileen from her bed and took her without warning. The shock has been so difficult, it is not always easy to understand God's plan, especially since Eileen was still so young. Eileen was a woman of faith, and had God in her life, so the family finds comfort knowing she is in paradise with God and our Dad. Eileen will be remembered for her beautiful gentle eyes, her warm smile and her contagious laughter, her sense of humor, and her kind spirit. She was a good soul in the world and will be missed beyond words. Eileen touched so many lives and we are all better people for it. Eileen was born on May 11, 1955 in Fort Collins, she is a graduate of Fort Collins High, she retired in 2008 after 30 years working for CSU and continued to work part time for CSU Admissions, she was well known in the campus community. Eileen had a love for children; she worked for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins for the past 20 years providing child care for the Sunday morning services. In her personal life her daughter and granddaughters were the light of her life. For the past 16 months Eileen was the caregiver for our mother. She has such a way with our disabled sister, Virginia, helping to do her hair and makeup, making sure Virginia knew she was loved and special. She also had a very special close and loving relationship with her sister, Linda, they were two peas in a pod. For her best friend, Annette, she valued and cherished that friendship. The family is grateful to Conrad for being such a blessing in the last months of her life.

Eileen was so loved by her family, friends, and co-workers. Eileen is survived by her mother, Polly Mitotes; her daughter, Erika Avalos-Lopez Rocky; and granddaughters, Estrella and Selena. Her sisters: Virginia Mitotes, Linda Roy Pundt, Eleanor Tom Mondragon all of Fort Collins. Roxanne Trujillo of Denver, CO; brothers, Steve Mitotes, and David Betty Aragon Mitotes of Fort Collins. Eileen had numerous nephews and nieces. She is preceded in death by her father Joe Nick Mitotes. We love you Eileen and will miss you, rest in peace. A funeral service will be held Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1709 W. Elizabeth. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery. Those who desire may view Eileen, Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Even after all these years, I think about Eileen often. I miss her dearly. Your friend, Carl Melle*

Carl Melle - March 02, 2024 at 12:54 AM

YB

“ *I was very shocked to hear of Eileen's passing. I use to work with her at the Church nursery. She actually helped get me the job. I had always planned on popping up there when my kids where older and surprising Eileen. While working there grown people would come in and Eileen would say "I use to watch you as a kid". She was one of the nicest people I have ever met. She loved her Daughter and granddaughters very much, always talked about them. I am very saddened by this terrible news, Eileen will be missed greatly.*

Yvonne Bazan - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Hi Erika and family, I still have more to say about your mom Erika. She was an honest and caring individual and we became close friends while working together and sharing the same passion for children. I regret that life got us separated as I got a four baby and she was caring for her mom. I will miss Eileen dearly and the news of her death did make me cry. Let's remember what a beautiful individual Eileen was. She was caring, loving, dedicated to her God and others. She was very generous. She offered a room to one of my sisters when she came to visit one Christmas as our apartment was too small. Erika, your mom gave you a beautiful legacy of love, honesty, care and dedication to God and others. I will truly miss her and I am sorry that I didn't check up on her early. Last time I saw her was around June or July 2011 and nothing appeared to be wrong with her. She was a loving busy self as usual and she told me how she was so busy caring for her mom.

Nathalie Riggs - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ To Erika and family. I am so sad to learn that Eileen passed away. She always encouraged me to go further in life. I had the pleasure to be her coworker for over 2 years at the Westminster nursery. I learned about her death a few days ago as I was trying to share one of my big accomplishments that she had always pushed me to do: Getting my driver's license. I was scared and finally got it a week ago and was looking for her phone number to share the great news with her. Eileen was a wonderful person.

Nathalie Riggs - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Hi Erika and family, Erika, You and Estrella and Selena really brighten Eileen's life. Your mom was shining by her smile and love of God. She often prayed for the safety of you and your young daughters. She was there for me when my third child had heart surgery. I really admire your mom ,Erika, and if i can someday be remember like she is i 'll be happy. Your mom was beautiful in and out and she loved you very much. You and your young daughters were the jewels of her heart. I am very sorry for your lost and i hope that you have the support that you need. You can email me if you need or want to. In case you wonder who i am .I used to work in the church nursery with your mom. The french lady with the 3 kids at the time, I got 4 now that worked with your mom on Sunday and one time you and I and you mom went to the mall together to get your youngest daughters pierced ears. Estrella did enjoyed playing with my kids Lauren, Christopher and Julian in the church nursery.

nathalie Riggs - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NR

“ Hi Erika, To finish, i wanted you to know that your mom will always be loved and remembered by many as she had that caring and shining and easy to talk to personality that reflected the presence of God in her heart. I hope you are in good hand .Take care. Nathalie

nathalie Riggs - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I just read about your beautiful daughter. She sounds so wonderful and reminded me of my own daughters. I am so sorry you had to lose her and hope the Lord Jesus supernaturally comforts you.

Julie Cramer - March 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Erika and Family, I am so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. She truly was an angel here on earth. It is so hard to let go of someone who is taken to Heaven. Just know that she will always be with you and watching you all where ever you are. May God heal your sadden hearts and give you peace and comfort in knowing that she was loved and touched the hearts of so many during her time here and is now in her true home smiling down upon you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Natalie Jeney - November 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ To Mitotes Family-I was shocked to & sadden to read the passing of Eileen. I met her while I was at Ft. Collins Healthcare. There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't see her visiting her sister Virginia. I could tell they had a special relationship. Eileen not only cared for Virginia, but she cared for her mom. She said to me one time that her mom had done alot for her & it was now time to take care of her. Eileen worried & cared for her family. Eileen was a GREAT help to me while I was in the nursing home. I don't know what I would have done without her help. warm regards, Vivian Armendariz

Vivian Armendariz - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Eileen, you brought joy into my life with your laughter and smile. I will miss you so much. It is now time for you to rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers for the family.

Amelia - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Erika and Mitotes Family.... Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the Grace of God carry you through this difficult time. As a long time family friend, I have very fond memories of Eileen. Her beautiful smile, kind words and ability to make a person laugh will dearly be missed. Paul, Jeannette and Mattee Fry

Jeannette Ortivez Fry - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ We were fortunate to have met you. You always had a beautiful smile for everyone. You will be missed.

Wilma & Dick Hill - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Erika, Marco, and Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you all. May you find God's comfort during this very difficult time. It is with great sadness to hear of Eileen's passing. She was a wonderful person with such a radiant smile and so kind to others. I was so fortunate to have known her! She will be missed.

Amye Martinez-Barraza - October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Linda and Family, May the Love of Friends comfort you and May God's Love give you Peace. . . My deepest Sympathy.

Lupe Apodaca - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ To Eileen's family, I was so sad to hear of Eileens passing. She was a rare soul who could make you feel like you were best of friends even if you hadn't seen in her in years. I feel honored to have known her. May the Lord keep her in his loving arms. My thoughts and prayers to you all.

Cindy Lopez - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Family of Eileen, I am so sorry for your loss.Eileen was such a kind individual and cared so much for her family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Rich Salas

Rich Salas - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with Eileen at CSU many years ago. I will always remember her beautiful smile and her endearing laugh. She was truly a beautiful person inside and out. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.

Sabrina Cortell Barela - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Erika, This is Lupe from El Centro and I loved your mom. She was beautiful,smart,and cared for so many people. You were her everything. Every time we would talk she would say "Oh, my Erika" and; of course, she would share stories about Estrella and how much she loved you all. She will be missed and I was lucky to have had such a wonderful friend in my life. Mija, if you ever need to talk or just visit I am here for you. Love you, Lupe

Lupe Salazar - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Our deepest sympathies to all the family. Liz Estler sister of Rose, Terry & Jennifer

Liz - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Eileen's family and friends. I worked with Eileen in the Office of Admissions. She always had a smile on her face and would always ask how my young son was doing. She was a great individual and will be missed.

Justin Smalley - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Eileen was such a nice person. We will never forget her and we pray that time will heal your hearts. God Bless Lorraine Vigil and Family

lorraine vigil - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ hey cousin take it easy rest in peace visit my son austin wish i could have spent more time chatting with u miss you always take care prima

virgil - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Linda-and all of your family: I just want to extend my deepest sympathies to all of you in the loss of Eileen. You will remain in my thoughts and prayers- Kathy

Kathy Koeller - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We are so saddened to hear about Eileen. She was a big part of the heart of Westminster. Our sons, Ben and Lucas, loved Eileen and always looked forward to the time they got to spend with her when they were little. We will all miss her wonderful smile so very much.

Brent and Deb Carson - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Linda & Eleanor, I am so sorry to hear about Eileen's passing, she had the most sweetest personality. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

LORRAINE ARAGON - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Mitotes Family, We are so sorry for your loss. This is so hard for me to write. I wish I could be there with you, and had already bought my ticket but I am to ill to travel and had to cancel my flight last minute. I loved Eileen so much and will miss her deeply. She has left me with such wonderful memories. Erica, She was such a "special person". May God help you through this most difficult time.

Rita Cisneros - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Eileen's passing. I worked with Eileen for many of the 30 years in Admissions. Eileen was a hard worker and always had a kind word and a smile. Her concern was always for someone other than herself. She was always concerned about my son and our family. She will be missed by her family and her many friends. I feel very fortunate to have called her one of my good friends. This is a goodbye to Eileen and a hope that God will give her family comfort and peace.

Karen Oenning - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ To Eileen's family: I am so sorry, and shocked, to hear of Eileen's passing away. I enjoyed working with Eileen at CSU. She was kind and friendly to everyone and had a beautiful genuine personality that radiated in her face. My husband and I had just visited with Eileen on Sunday, Oct. 9th, at Applebee's and, as always, she was very friendly. Her beautiful presence will be missed by all.

Vivian Wolfe - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Erika and Family, Eileen had the kindest most beautiful spirit. I am going to miss that wonderful laugh. Somehow she made everyone feel so special and so loved. Erika remember I am here for you can you hear your Mom say "call Jan" I will be waiting for that call. Love you.

Jan Barela-Smith - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ What a beautiful person she was and so sweet. I got to see her alot at the hospital where I worked and she and her mother and at times her granddaughter would come in for lunch and some times dinner, while she had her sister up stairs. I truly will miss her she was a very special person. To the rest of the family may god be with you and get through this difficult time lots of love and prayers be with you!

Mary Duron Ruybal - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I never knew her name but now I do cuz there is no mistaking that smile. When I saw her face in the newspaper, I knew that I knew her. For a few years, off and on she swam when I did at Pulse Health Club on Saturday mornings and sometimes brought her grandbaby, whom she clearly loved dearly. That smile was welcoming and friendly to me, a strange except that we shared the pool space now and then. We eventually spoke a bit about ourselves because she was such an open person. How sad to loose such a lovely soul on this earth...sounds like God will be the one enjoying her now. I see that caring for her mom is probably what kept her from the pool for the past year. Bless you all.

Judy Castro - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mitotes Family, We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Eileen's passing. Just know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Don & Juliet Chavez - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ To all of Eileen's family- It is so hard to believe that this sweet woman won't pop up around the corner and smile that beautiful smile and chat as if we were best friends... Eileen had a gift of kindness and goodness that she easily shared with anyone who was fortunate enough to know her. Please know that many folks at CSU will miss her and we are thinking of all of you at this sad time.

Barb Musslewhite - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ Erika and family. My heart and thoughts go out to you all. She is a beautiful, loving mother, grandmother. I'm going to miss her. Please know I am here always for you and your beautiful daughters. Helen

Helen Lopez - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Beautiful amiga, Our hearts are broken; nos duele el corazon. You left us too soon and we miss you terribly. We cherish our times together and the fun and taste for life you shared, as well as your enduring example of taking time to care for your family and friends. Bendiga nos con su sonrisa y la gloria de Dios que ya disfrutes! Con amor y abrazos, Rosa, Terry, & Jennifer

Rose, Terry, & Jennifer Russell - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Eileen. She was always a sweet and kind person. She will be missed.

Sandy Hopper Apodaca - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Eileen, Your beautiful smile and contagious laughter will truly be missed. You broke 1000 hearts the day you departed this life. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends – our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.

Rose & Kenny Cordova - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.*

Charyn Armbruster - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *I am SO sorry for your loss. I knew Eileen, only briefly, from working at CSU, but met up with her, more recently at the nursing home where Virginia lives. My fiance lived there a short time, before he passed away on 9/25/11. Eileen and I would chat in passing while visiting our loved ones. God rest her soul and peace be with your family. Please know, she was an angel sent by God to bring life and love to all of you, and that some day you WILL be in her presence again. God Bless, Annette Gonzales Garcia*

Annette - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all, such a big loss, Keep strong and God will provide.*

Elaine Bueno - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Eileen was a wonderful friend to me. I started at the CSU Registrar's Office in 1979. Eileen was working there and was so friendly and helpful in my first months. She trained me on my first tasks and we quickly became great friends. I miss her so much already. She made me laugh and she would listen to all my life's woes and happiness. I know her family meant the world to her. I love you Eileen. Make everyone laugh and smile in heaven.

Shelly May - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ I still can't beleive it!.... I will cherish our memories Eileen. you will be missed by so many. thank you for a true friendship. you will always be a tatoo in my heart. my condolences go out to your Erica and grandkids and family. love and miss you already!

Connie - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We want you all to know, we are truly saddened by Eileen's passing she was always such a kind and loving prima, We always welcomed the opportunity to see her. Her passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew her. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you all in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Que Dios te bendito, We Love you all.

JR & Pauline Salazar & Family - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Eileen, your warm smile and gentle hug remain strong in my memory. Chats in the breakroom, or laughs in the hallway of Spruce Hall...it seems unreal that you are gone. Sweet soul, rest in peace...Love TJ

Tania R Jones - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ We are so very sorry for your loss, we will always remember Eileen's laughter, and her gentle and kind spirt.

Geralyn Ortiz, Jessica Ortiz - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved sister, mother, daughter, Eileen. May the arms of God be wrapped around you all during this difficult, sad time. God bless you all, Estela Noyola Baca

Estela Noyola Baca - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Linda, I send my deepest condolences to you and your entire family. The sadness and the hurt that one feels within their heart words can not describe. Eileen has been a wonderful friend of mine for so many years, I'm so sad that this has happen and I'm truly going to miss her. Remember all the wonderful times you shared together and hopefully in time you and your family will heal.

Debbie Godinez - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We will miss our dear cousin eileen, knowing she is now at peace helps but we will dearly miss her. rest in peace eileen, we love you

rose and harry mitotes - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ My deepest condolences on Eileen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Cindy Salazar Putas - October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Im sending my condolences from Texas Im so sorry wish i could be there.*

Norma Padilla - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Norma Padilla - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ *The news was a devastation, no time to say good bye, but God felt you had done enough, you cared for your Mom, and drove over to check on Virginia daily. You didn't want her to be lonely. Last summer prior was such a frustration, never getting that break. You will be sorely missed, you had a huge heart, you were beautiful and u can rest now. Your free of the stress, free of the pain, one day we will all be together again. So relax Eileen, your turn to keep an eye on us. We miss you, we love you, God bless you....Irene*

Irene - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Please accept our deepest condolences in the sudden death of Eileen. She was a sweet person with a great smile and will be missed. We are lifting your family up in prayer for peace, comfort and strength during this time. God bless.*

Dora Salas-Vigil & Andy Vigil - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *you are sadly missed by my whole family sorry we cannot attend@ at this time .our most cencere condolences to the family.hugs lucy*

Lucy Hernandez - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ I send my deepest condolences to the family for our loss... Wish i could have had the opportunity to know Eileen as well as the rest of our family.. May she rest in peace and god bless this family..

Fernando Hernandez - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ Gorgeous, My heart is broken beyond repair. We had so many great times together. We laughed and cried together. Our last conversations, I will forever cherish. I won't say goodbye. For I believe we will see each other again. I love you and will miss you beyond explanation. William

William - October 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM