



Elsie Asten Clapp-Hansen-Faught

September 29, 1928 - May 30, 2011

Elsie Asten Clapp-Hansen-Faught, 83, of Fort Collins passed away on May 30, 2011 after an 18-year management of Parkinson's disease. Elsie was born on September 29, 1928 in McCook, Nebraska where she attended High School and graduated with honors in 1946. She attended Monticello College in Alton, Illinois and then transferred to the University of Nebraska in 1947. While attending the University of Nebraska, she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society and Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority; and completed an international student exchange program at the National University of Mexico in Mexico City. Elsie graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, she worked as a flight attendant for Frontier Airlines in Denver and then at Denver General Hospital, CO. She married Richard Ray Hansen, M.D. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in McCook Nebraska in 1952. Dr. Hansen enlisted in the USAF as a medical officer, during which service Elsie gave birth to surviving children, Richard Ray Hansen II, in Hawaii and Thomas Tod R. Hansen in Bangor, Maine both currently in Fort Collins. After military service, two additional surviving children, Trish Hansen Tanner Fort Collins and James C. Hansen Steamboat Springs were born in Denver, Colorado while Dr. Hansen completed residency training 1958-1960 in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Elsie and her family re-located to Fort Collins, Colorado in 1960 where Dr. Hansen started his medical practice. Both Elsie and Dr. Hansen developed an interest in Limousin Cattle in the 1970s. Dr. Hansen passed

away in an airplane accident in 1982. Elsie re-married in 1989 to Thomas Faught and then re-located to Oakridge, Oregon where Thomas was head of logging operations for Pope and Talbot Logging Company. Following the death of Thomas Faught in 1992, Elsie moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. In 1993, Elsie was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and then moved back to Fort Collins in 2001 to receive specialized medical care. For the last 18 years, Elsie has managed her condition which she "affectionately" named "Burt" with the support of her family. She was preceded in death by her father, Hiram Cornell Clapp; mother, Bertha Asten Clapp; and sister, Patricia Ruth Shepherd. Elsie also is survived by her brother, Hiram Cornell Clapp II Flagler Beach, Florida; eleven grandchildren; and her stepson, Neil Faught Oakridge, Oregon. Reverend Dr. Harold R. Warren will preside over burial services at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 2000 Stover St, Fort Collins on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. Please visit <http://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/> to sign an online guestbook. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memoriam of Elsie to the Parkinson's Support Group in Larimer County www.pdsupportlc.net.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ We will always remember her wonderful sense of humor.

Joe,Nancy&Jim Wise - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Elsie's passing. We both have fond memories of her and her love for horses and the many times we got to share that love. We are sorry we missed the BBQ and service, we were out of town. Fondly, June and Holly

June and Holly Baker - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Ric, Todd, Trish, and Jimmy -- Of all the 'great moms' we knew growing up in Fort Collins, yours was one of the greatest! May those loving memories, along with our heartfelt prayers, sustain you in her passing. -- Tom, DeAnne, Christopher, and Angela

The Redders - June 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To my friend, Trish, I send you and your family my condolences and prayers. What a full life your mother had and your memories of her will keep her in your heart forever.

Debra Fishpaw - June 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. You are in thoughts and prayers, and we feel blessed to have known your wonderful mother.

Ron & Vickie Sutton - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ we love Elsie a lot. we thought that she our mom also. sorry we can't be there.

Bethany and Margie Phillips - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ i have know elsie a good long time. and James and trish. may our god bless you all durring this time.

Jan Phillips - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Although I never had the pleasure of meeting most of the family, I did have the opportunity to meet Trish and her darling daughters. I am the nail technician that visited Elsie regularly until I went to work for PVH and closed my own business. I enjoyed my time with Elsie so much. The way she always managed and tackedled her illness was amazing to me and her sense of humor was always there. Even during times when she wasn't having the best of days, she would quickly perk up and share a smile with me. I truly feel priviledged to have gotten to know Elsie and hear all of her wonderful stories. I am so sorry for the loss you are all enduring. Although she is gone be assured that she loved you all very much and spoke highly of all of her children and grandchildren. All of you were the loves of her life!

Paula Brown - June 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Ric, Tod, Jimmy and Trish, I loved your mom and am so happy that the last time I saw her she was having a good day. We re-hashed all the old outings and had some good laughs and a few tears. What great memories I have of her and your dad. They went with us on our honeymoon, you know! She had a "light up the room" smile and laugh, she was a beautiful skier, accomplished artist and student of astrology I still have the chart she did for me. I'll never forget her voice and how kind she was to me when I was a young bride. She is truly unforgettable and you have my deepest sympathy. Love,
Donna

Donna Betz Michaels - June 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Ric, Tod, Trish and Jim, Your mom was an amazing woman that I'm so happy to have had the honor of knowing while growing up. Who can forget all the times when our parents got together to solve all the world's problems in your house on Dartmouth that ended up with our families combining dinners. Then of course were the fun times when the Hansons and McCoy's would get together for so many great times up at Steamboat. I'm sorry I can't be there in Fort Collins to share your memories of your mom but I will hold all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

Kevin McCoy - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. You were all very special to Elsie as I know she was to you. Love, Debi, Don, Nate and Hannah

Debi Bade - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ *Elsie is a wonderful woman and will always be in my heart. She is in a much better place now, god bless her family. You are in my prayers.*

Tia Zuniga - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Sorry for your loss, with greatest sympathy. Paula*

Paula Moffett - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

JoePete, Loui, Sue, & Joan - June 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IZ

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CK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you. Your momma was a wonderful woman, full of life and love for you kids. I remember her laugh and how she would put back her head to laugh. I pray that God would give you strength as you go through this process. May you feel God's presence. Much love to the whole family. Wish I was there to be at the wake for your mom. I'm sure there will be many good stories being told. Blessings to you!!! Charlyn

Charlyn Bowling Kelley - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Ric, Tod, Trish and Jim, Wow what an amazing lady Elsie was. From the our parents bridge games before we could walk to Christmas Eve with Elsie this past year, we will cherish her humor and spicy personality. Elsie was one of a kind and enjoyed the accomplishments of her family. We are all so thankful for the 50 plus years of friendship and laughs that we have shared. You all are in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve and celebrate Elsie's life. The disease may have stolen Elsie's health, but she persevered until the end. May your tears be replaced by amazing memories and the legacy that lives on in each of you and your children. We love you Hansens!

Hazel, Carrie, Fran, Lucas, Molly & Jacob - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM