



Fay E. Himes

February 7, 1932 - July 18, 2016

Fort Collins, Colorado — Fay E. Himes (nee Burmeister), 84, of Ft. Collins, Colorado, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 18th, after a struggle of some months with cancer. Family members were with her throughout her illness.

Fay was born on a farm in 1932 in Howard County, Iowa, during a snow-storm. She was the youngest of 10 children born to Otto and Elizabeth Burmeister. She was the first in her family to graduate from high school, going on to become a Doctor of Chiropractic, having studied at Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa.

Fay was an active member of the Baha'i Faith until her death. She was encouraged to investigate the religion by her father while living in Rochester, Minnesota in the early 1960s, after her father retired from farming. She joined the Baha'i Faith in 1963. Her services to the Christian community she was raised in ran deep and her devotion to a spiritual path was unwavering. Both she and her older sister Henrietta served as "workers" (ministers) in the community, Fay having served for 7 years, a period of her life that she spoke of with much joy and reverence.

As a young child of 3, she began playing an organ by ear, and was soon able to accompany family hymns on a piano. At age 7, her father purchased an

upright piano at a farm auction, an inheritance that remains in her family.

Fay married Daniel H. Himes on December 26, 1965 in the Baha'i House of Worship in Wilmette, Illinois. In 1970 they moved to the country of Papua New Guinea with their two young children, Shamin (age 4) and Darius (age 4 months). Fay set up a chiropractic office, Dan worked for a nascent computer company, and they both served the fledgling Baha'i community, returning to Iowa in the mid-70s.

She was talented in the healing arts, serving the communities where she lived through chiropractic, nutrition, and foot reflexology. In addition to playing piano and Scrabble, Fay enjoyed spending time raising her three children, watching comedies, and working at Trader Joe's with the public in her later years.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Dan Himes, one sister, Wilma Grover, of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Shamin and John McClary and their two children Gabriella and Madeline of Tempe, AZ; son Darius Himes of New York, NY; son David and Melissa Himes and their three children Tyler, Nylah and Nuri of Fort Collins, CO. She was preceded in death by 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

2718 E. Mulberry
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Previous Events

Reception

JUL 23. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524
(970) 482-4244
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 23. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. May you gain comfort from God's promise at Isaiah 25:8, where He assures us that He will put an end to suffering and death and wipe away our tears of sadness.*

Pat - July 28, 2016 at 01:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Fay E. Himes.*



July 22, 2016 at 03:35 PM

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“ *Dan
I am sorry to learn of Fay's passing. The two of you certainly had a full and eventful life. As I have said before, I will always be grateful for the help you gave me that led to my being employed by Deere. I remember first meeting Fay. The details of where we met leave me but it was during the summer of 1965 some where in Davenport. Then you and I got the basement apartment together west of Ames. It's possible that the name of the owner's son was Blake, but I'm not sure. Then, at the end of the first quarter, I moved out and you and Fay married and continued to lived there.*

Three children and five grandchildren. The two of you did very well. My deepest sympathy.

Bill McFarlin

William McFarlin - July 22, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Fay E. Himes.*



July 20, 2016 at 08:43 PM