



## Frances Booth Howard

March 28, 1923 - July 3, 2010

Frances Booth Howard went to be with her Lord on July 3, 2010. Fran was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 28, 1923 to Frank and Edith Booth. She graduated from Smith College, earned a Masters degree from the Yale School of Nursing and practiced public health nursing in both Connecticut and Chicago. While attending Yale, she met Robert C. Howard of Creede, Colorado who was completing his medical degree there. They married December 17, 1949 in Larchmont, New York. After short stints in Chicago Robb's residency, Leadville and Denver, Colorado and Pirmasens, Germany, they settled in Englewood where they raised their four children. While in Englewood, Fran was a member of the Wellshire Presbyterian Church and was deeply involved in her children's school activities, scouts, sports and music. Later, she devoted her energy to community activities. She was active in the League of Women Voters and served on the Englewood Parks and Recreation Commission, playing an instrumental role in the development of the Englewood Golf Course. After Robb's death in 1987, Fran moved to Fort Collins where she formed a community of friends and met her best friend and companion, George Stager. Together, she and George enjoyed their growing families, golf, opera, and bridge. They traveled the United States, Russia, Germany and Italy and participated in many Elderhostel and Yale Alumni educational programs.

Fran was a member of the Harmony Presbyterian Church and later First Presbyterian Church where she treasured the friendship and support of her

spiritual study group with which she met weekly. Fran was an avid camper and loved flowers, birds and the Colorado mountains, especially the Taylor River area near Gunnison where the family eventually built a get-away home. In her last years, Fran and her family were blessed with the compassion and companionship of a fabulous team of caregivers, who walked steadfastly with her through both shadow and joy. We thank each of them from the bottom of our hearts. We also wish to thank the staff of Pathways Hospice whose extraordinary expertise and humanity comforted and guided all of us through Fran's final days. Fran is survived by her children, Bill Katherine Zellerbach of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Steve Dell of Fort Collins, Colorado, Cathy Kevin Finn of Fort Collins and Beth Ann Russ Charif of Ithaca, New York; her sisters Mary Johnson of Ithaca, New York and Noel Brothers of Lake George, New York; her cousin Joan Cresap of Rye, New York; 10 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and her best friends George Stager and Crosby, her much-loved cat. A Celebration of Fran's life will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College Avenue, at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 8, 2010. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Food Bank of Larimer County, the Rocky Mountain Nature Association, or Pathways Hospice for Northern Colorado in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 West Olive Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Its been 2 years and I still miss you Grandma! I came across this page by accident and a whole lot of stuff I haven't thought about in years came flooding back. I know you are watching over us; Love you, save a seat up there for me.*

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**Jake** - September 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *a lovely memorial statement which does this remarkable woman & you her family justice. sorry i didn't know her better. my deepest sympathies. louis weezie*

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**louis asehoff** - August 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Fran and mother her cousin Pauline had a great time together, and such fondness for each other. My former husband and I spent a few days with Fran and Rob, and my mother at Migis Lodge on Lake Sebago in Casco, Maine in the 80's. What a time they had! And we were lucky enough to get to know Fran and Rob better. It is so saddening to lose this wonderful, spirited, older generation of amazing women. We are the lucky ones for having known them. May we carry the torch forward. Thank you Fran. With much love, Mary Louise Hopkins 2nd cousin, once-removed*

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**Mary Louise Hopkins** - July 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *We are so sorry to be out of town and miss the service for Fran. She was such a dear person and neighbor. We have fond memories of many bridge games. Please accept our sympathy in the loss of a great lady! Tom and Patsy Nix*

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**Tom and Patsy Nix** - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I am so sorry to hear about Frances. My mom is Joan Wilmarth Cresap Frances' cousin from NY. I remember her and Rob well from my time in Denver at University of Denver 1980-1984 and the three years I stayed after college to live in Denver before moving to CA in 1987. Although we didn't get together very often, it was good to know family was closeby when I was so far from home. I used to work at Morgans Liquor Store and pharmacy - Frances and Rob used to go there occasionally. She was always so nice to me and a gracious hostess when I would visit. She took an interest in what I was doing and made me feel important. I remember when she moved to Fort Collins. I visited her brand new home when it was one of only a few houses on the street. I am sorry I cannot attend the funeral - too much work and too many family committments here in CA. Love to all - Frank Cresap

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**Frank Cresap** - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM