



## Grace A. Roetker

February 21, 1926 - October 26, 2011

Grace A. Roetker, 85, passed away on October 26, 2011 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Born in Center, Colorado on February 21, 1926 she was a true Colorado native. She graduated from Center High School and Colorado State College of Education University of Northern Colorado with a degree in education, teaching commercial subjects at Yuma Union High School in Yuma, Colorado for four years. She accepted a position with the Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College Colorado State University until she retired in 1984. She was an accomplished pianist, organist, and vocalist for St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Her survivors are her sister: Blanche; nieces and nephews: Tom and Judy, Patty, Lynda, Janet and Bill, Mike, Bill and Deb, Kevin, Tim, and Mark; her grand nieces and nephews: Duff, Bryan, Janelyn, Matt, Chris, Amy, Jennifer, Jamie, Janna, and Jill; her great grand nieces and nephews: Kylie, Cooper, Nate, Hannah, Kaiden, Becklyn, Boston, and Gavin. Private memorial and burial services will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fort Collins. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

VT

“ I was so sorry to hear of Grace's passing. I have very fond memories of her as my teacher at Yuma Union High School. She was a special person, although only 6 years older than I, I considered her not only as a teacher but also as a friend.

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**Virginia M Knapp Trute** - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Grace and I worked together in the Academic Vice President's Office where our friendship was born. Like Grace, I also grew up in the San Luis Valley and my father's birthday was 3 days after hers but he was one year older. We loved sharing stories about family, life in the valley, but mostly about the meaning of life. Grace was a person of integrity who lived her faith on a daily basis. I will always admire her and be thankful for her presence in my life. Her reluctance to engage in the new age of technology led her to retire, but her career at CSU left a formidable mark in knowledge and understanding of policy, compassion for all she encountered, and in integrity. May wonderful memories of an amazing person provide comfort to her family. I celebrate her graduation to glory.

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**Beverly Michoski** - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first met Grace when she was on an oral board for my first job at Colorado State University - she must have thought I had something to offer the University since I did start with the University in November of 1974! Throughout the years I saw Grace as I delivered paperwork "across the street" to the Administration Building. I also saw her at Saturday afternoon 4pm Mass at St. Joseph's. I always thought of Grace as a lady - a nice, friendly and always professional person. One time Grace sent me a card that stated my name had been added to a list of 1,000 Masses. I asked her if that meant that I did not have to go to Mass until those 1,000 Masses were "used up" - she didn't think so! She and her family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kathy Nall** - November 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ To Grace Roetker's Family, My condolences. I was deeply saddened to learn of Grace's passing. As a CSU colleague I remember her as gracious, kind, witty and possessing a charismatic charm. I hold fond memories of our many conversations at CSU -- Again, my condolences; and may God comfort you in your great loss.

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**Lupe Apodaca** - November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I met Grace in the 1960's when I joined the National Secretaries Assn. We had so many good times together. She was such a special lady and a role model for so many young secretaries. My sympathy to all of the family.

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**Barbara Herron** - November 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Grace taught my mother, Lucille Strickland Meis, at Yuma Union High School. They fostered a friendship that lasted until my mother passed away two years ago. I remember Grace as a very kind soul who always showed concern for others. When I moved from Yuma to Fort Collins and became employed at CSU in 1983, Grace welcomed me to campus and took me to lunch at Canino's. I was impressed at how independent Grace remained until her health failed. My prayers and sympathy go out to the family at the loss of such a wonderful person.

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**Peggy Meis** - November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM