



## Janet Jean Haferman

October 28, 1938 - July 16, 2016

Janet Jean (Ahlbrandt) Haferman, 77, native and lifelong resident of Fort Collins passed away peacefully July 16, 2016 surrounded by family.

Born October 28, 1938 she was the oldest child of Charles and Martha Ahlbrandt.

She was interested in music at a very young age and she began studying piano at the age of eight.

Her talent was recognized early when she was inducted into Pi MU, the national music society, at the age of 10. It was then that she began playing for Sunday School at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, later to become Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. By the time she was 16 she was the full-time organist there and continued faithfully for the next 51 years. Janet graduated from Fort Collins High School, and received her Associate's Degree at the St. Louis Institute of Music. She served a term as president of the local organist guild and was instrumental in helping start the Laudamus Chamber Chorale. Even after her official retirement she continued playing for weddings, funerals and other services.

She married Leonard Haferman on June 17, 1956. They have three children, Valerie Connor (Scott), Jon Haferman (Debbie), and Dan Haferman (Kelly); five grandchildren, Sethry Connor (Christine), Alyssa Hupp (Isaiah), Andrew Connor (Courtney), Jason Haferman (Audrey) Ryan Haferman; and six great

grandchildren and have enjoyed them all living close by. Her brother, Chuck Ahlbrandt (Kathy) and their family also live in Fort Collins. She was preceded in death by her sister, Pamela.

She was active in Chapter G of PEO, Ladies Circle, Bible study and loved spending time with her family and friends. Janet and Leonard enjoyed traveling in the states and abroad over the years including trips to Mexico, Hawaii, and Europe. Leonard and Janet recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Her diagnosis of liver cancer in 2014 didn't deter her from doing the things she loved until the final weeks of her life. Janet will be missed by her loved ones but they know she was welcomed into eternity with the words, "well done my good and faithful servant".

Viewing will be Sunday, July 24, 2016 from Noon to 4 p.m. and Monday, July 25, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive Street, Fort Collins.

The Memorial Service celebrating Janet's life, will be held Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 South Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins. The service will include a musical tribute starting at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Pathways Hospice or the Salvation Army in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Musical Tribute

JUL 26. 10:30 AM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
1200 S Taft Hill Rd Fort Collins, CO US 80521  
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## Memorial Service

JUL 26. 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie and I send our deepest condolences to Len and the entire family. Deb was in PEO with Jan and we both knew of her gentle ways and huge heart. She will be missed by many. Michael & Debbie Stradt*

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**Michael & Debbie Stradt** - August 01, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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“ *Leonard ,  
remember the morning we had the class reunion "coffee" at your home last year. You and Jan were so wonderful to share your beautiful home with your classmates. She was such a gracious hostess and as only Jan could do, she made us all feel so welcome. May you and your family find comfort in all of the precious memories she left.. She truly was a remarkable lady and we all feel privileged to have known her.  
Jerry and Donna Schott*

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**Donna Schott** - July 27, 2016 at 05:16 PM