



Jean Marie DeGrave

August 23, 1939 - September 10, 2009

Jean Marie DeGrave, 70, of Fort Collins, Colorado died on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Her remarkable determination and strength allowed her to fight cancer for 18 years. She was born Jean Marie Osborn to Charles and Lois Osborn in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Jean graduated from Germantown High School and received an associate's degree from Levitan School of Business. While working at Sley's Garage in Philadelphia she met her future husband Kenneth C DeGrave. They married in 1966 in Morgan, Pennsylvania. Seeking new adventures they moved to Colorado in 1969. Jean held a variety of jobs; she managed an apartment building, co-owned a janitorial company, and retired after twenty years in banking as a trust officer. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Loveland for nearly ten years. Jean loved spending time with her dog CC. Some of her favorite pastimes included playing cards with family and friends, sewing, gardening and selling on the internet. Her husband, Kenneth C. DeGrave, preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, Kenneth DeGrave of Fort Collins; a daughter, Cheryl DeGrave of Fort Collins; and two brothers, Charles Osborn of Nevada and W. Blair Osborn of West Virginia. Jean will be remembered as an independent woman of grace, courage and resilience. Cremation has taken place. Immediate family and friends will gather to celebrate her life.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ To Jean's family: Some years back, I met Jean through an organization called American Business Women's Association ABWA. She was a real asset to our club and a real professional. She was always upbeat and fun to be around. I am sorry for your loss. Carol Fulkrod

Carol Fulkrod - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ How sorry I am to hear of Jean's passing. I absolutely enjoyed working with her at Wells Fargo and learned so much from her when I assisted her in the Trust Department. My thoughts and prayers are with you, her family, as you adjust to life without this wonderful woman.

Andrea Hall - September 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ My condolences to the family on your loss of Jean. She was an outstanding individual and will be missed by everyone in our Kiwanis Club as well as all who knew her. I am so sorry for your loss. John Nuttall

John Nuttall - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ It's not often in life that you meet people who can be called friend. Ken and Jean will be remembered by us as very good friends. Sally and Woody Maggart

Sally and Woody Maggart - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ We at Kiwanis miss her as I'm sure you do to. She was such a pleasure to get to know and such a gentle soul.

Wythe Hull - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Cheryl So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Even though I only met her recently - it was clear how much she loved you and your brother. May that love and your good memories of your time with her bring you peace during this difficult time. mm

mm - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We will miss Jean's quiet determination and grace. She was a wonderful member of the Kiwanis Club and we were so sorry when she decided she couldn't continue with the club. Our sympathies are extended to her entire family.

Ken Amundson - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Cheryl and family, On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Loveland, I want to let you know how sorry we are about the passing of your mother. She was a dedicated member of our club, and she will be missed. Please know that we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
Debbie Doyel

Debbie Doyel - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Family, Jean was a wonderful person and a great Kiwanian. Her heart and spirit were always one of service, especially when it came to children. I will always remember her fondly for her bubbly personality and welcoming smile.

Mike Alexander - September 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences on the loss of your mother. You have my heart-felt sympathy.

Seth Stearns - September 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am sorry to hearing of the passing of Jean DeGrave. My father was very good friends with both Jean and Ken and I remember many times of him talking about having lunch in Fort Collins with them. My thoughts are with you. Rita Monholand-Rodda daughter of Bob Monholand

Rita Monholand-Rodda - September 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I'm saddened to hear of Jean's passing. She was always so full of life. Mary

Mary A - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I worked with Jean in the early 80's and still remember her kindness and propensity for fun. She will be missed. All my prayers, Joy

Joy Schiff - September 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM