



Jean Nockels Kamal

September 24, 1922 - November 25, 2016

Jean May Nockels was born the third of four children to Sidney and Edith Pope Nockels, on September 24th, 1922 in Colorado Springs. They had immigrated from England in 1912. Edith had had the flu and missed sailing on the Titanic, she came four months later the sinking.

Grade school years were spent at Squirrel Creek and Drennan east of Colorado Springs. From there they moved onto the Platte River near Deckers and next east into Jarre Canyon for better access to Castle Rock schools. Jean attended Castle Rock High School and graduated in the Class of 1941.

Jean married Robert Livingston of Monte Vista, then a Staff Sargent in the Army Air Corps. Within a week he was assigned to Trinidad, West Indies on submarine patrol during WWII.

Jean volunteered with the Red Cross during the war working in military hospitals with injured servicemen. After the war, their son Richard was born when Robert was assigned to Dover AFB in 1946.

They spent 2 years at Holloman AFB in New Mexico, 5 years at Boston Arsenal, 5 years back at Holloman, 1 year at Hickam AFB in Hawaii and 1 at Peterson Field in Colorado Springs. After his retirement they divorced. Jean and Richard moved to Ft. Collins in 1962 to live with her sister Marjorie who was night ER nurse at PVH.

Jean worked for Catholic Community Services and for CSU as a laboratory assistant in Plant Science. She met Adel Kamal, an entomology professor and they subsequently married in London, 1967, when he was working in Nigeria for CSU. She was given a five-star tour of Europe and into the Middle East with a stop in Palestine to meet Adel's family. From Cairo to Lagos and into the bush at Umuahia where the budding Ag College was being set up. The plan was for several years but the Biafran War cut that to 9 months. They were evacuated in the middle of the night and returned to Ft. Collins with just the clothes they were wearing.

Jean worked on the CSU blood drive for 31 years, her appetite for doing good deeds and contributing to the community was who she was. Her joys in life were her friends, cooking, (especially Arab cuisine), gardening and she was a prolific writer. She gave selflessly as the family caretaker. Adel developed Parkinson's and a cardiac condition.

Richard moved in at the end of 1999 to assist and after Adel's passing in 2000, she remained in her house at 608 W. Laurel. She was very active until 2008 when she broke both hips within a year. At this point Richard took over her care. Hospice started in March of this year. She enjoyed her 94th birthday party on September 24th. . Jean died in her own bed peacefully and without pain at 9:35 am on November 25th with no unfinished issues. Her presence is still palatable in the house.

Jean is survived by her son Richard Livingston, brother Leonard Nockels of Wheatland, WY, sister-in-law Fleta Nockels of Castle Rock and her daughters Edie, Margie and Carolyn.

Sidney, Edith, Marjorie and Jack preceded Jean in death.

In lieu of flowers please send contributions to the CSU Foundation, Neurologic Music Therapy Exercise Groups, c/o ruth.rice@comcast.net . I took my Mother to these therapy sessions every Monday morning for five years and

they were a major part of her life and continued vitality.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

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Crispin Purdye - July 14, 2017 at 06:20 AM

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Crispin Purdye - July 10, 2017 at 06:24 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jean Nockels Kamal.



December 15, 2016 at 01:13 PM

PS

“ Jean was a lovely, lovely lady in all sense of the word. A former neighbor, Pat Smith

pat Smith - December 09, 2016 at 01:33 PM

RB

“ *What a wonderful woman she was. So sorry to read of her death.*
Rose Brinks, Laporte

rose brinks - December 06, 2016 at 09:20 AM

JH

I had some very interesting conversations with Jean. She was a wonderful woman. John Hahn

John Hahn - December 07, 2016 at 03:06 PM

RG

Jean had a profound influence on me as a child in Africa. She encouraged me to take a strongly scientific approach to collecting the abounding insects of the area, and always seemed to have time to talk to a ten-year-old girl. What a strong and lovely person, so kind to my mother and family. I always have held her in my memory as the most beautiful woman.

Robin Gowen - December 25, 2016 at 06:31 PM