



Lila Jean Stewart

August 11, 1932 - August 1, 2018

Lila Jean Stewart, 85, of Longmont died August 1, 2018 from the effects of dementia.

She was born in Weld County August 11, 1932 to Gottlieb and Winnie Bohlender. She married William G. (Bill) Stewart who once was manager at Greeley radio station KFKA. The couple moved to Longmont in 1959 upon purchasing radio station KLMO which they operated until retiring. The Stewarts were well known for philanthropic activities in Longmont, including substantial funding of the auditorium that bears their name at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center. They also were generous supporters of the athletic department at the University of Colorado, Boulder and the TLC-Learning Center for typical and special needs students in Longmont.

Surviving Lila Jean is one of three brothers, Jim, of Holyoke, Colorado. Nephew Rod Bohlender survives in Amarillo, TX. Daughter Linda Jean (Stewart) Stennette of Estes Park died in 2009 and William Stewart died in 2012.

A service is scheduled Saturday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center. Memorial contributions may be sent to the museum at 400 Quail Road, Longmont, CO 80501 or to the TLC Learning Center, 611 Korte Parkway, Longmont, CO 80501. Lila Jean's cremains have

been interred with those of her husband and daughter at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Greeley. Friends may send condolences to the family at bohlenderfuneralchapel.com and cards to Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins CO 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 10:30 AM (MT)

Longmont Museum and Cultural Center
400 Quail Rd.
Longmont, CO 80501

Tribute Wall

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“Some of my memories. I was born in a small town in NE, Cambridge to be exact. 11 years earlier Lila Jean was born in another small town near there. She was born in Wilsonville, Beaver City, or another very small town near these towns. In my early twenties I would listen to her “Happy Talk” show. I enjoyed her program very much. There was great audience participation, very tasty recipes shared, and wise ‘household/homemaker’ advises given. And there was always humor.

In my late 30’s I started my own business. (Faith N You Electrology) I knew nothing about starting a business. No business classes! No college education! After a few months I decided to be brave and call Jean. I had never met her so this was a ‘cold turkey’ call. I asked her how one could become a sponsor on her show. She came into my office for a free consultation and treatment and the next day she was interviewing me on her program. My business began to flourish and grow. Radio listeners from Eastern CO, Western NE and Wyoming became clients as well as many local listeners.

The thing that has motivated me to write this letter is to say that Lila Jean Stewart (I always called her Jean and will do so in the rest of this letter) did not just donate money to good causes, and lead/be extremely active in community events, she was helpful in other ways. I will tell you some of the things that she did for me that are still influencing me today in a positive way.

She became aware of my need for confidence. She gave me scholarship for a Dale Carnegie course. I learned so much during the sessions that I received many rewards and went on to be graduate assistant in many classes to follow.

After I became a single parent, with 3 children, I bought a home that unbeknownst to me, at the time of purchase, had been home to 3 big dogs and several cats. The entire carpets and pads had to be replaced as well as the subfloors painted. What impressed me the most during this time was Jean’s insight to what would help me the most. She came and got my 3 kids and took them for a day of fun, fed them and brought them back many hours later.

She often gave me tickets to events that I would never had able to attend without her generosity. I remember her and Linda taking me

to an opera in Central City. I never even dreamed I would be able to attend an opera in person. Of course they also included a great dining experience with the event.

Jean also became a client of mine. Many times after an appointment she would ask me to have lunch with her. We became friends. There is so much more I could tell about her love and support through the years. But I didn't sit down to write a book, just a letter, to say "Thank You" to a Great Lady who invested so much of herself, in so many ways, in my life as well countless others.

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