



Loxie L. Dowdy

July 13, 1930 - August 30, 2017

Loxie L. Dowdy, 87, of Ft. Collins passed away August 30, 2017 at a local nursing home. Loxie was born July 13, 1930 to Shirdy and Mary Ann Dowdy in a small town named Byrdstown, Tennessee, just a few miles from the Kentucky state line. Loxie was one of ten children born during the depression years. Loxie was a free spirit who always wore angel pins. She will be remembered for smile, hugs, and kisses.

Loxie attended elementary school in a one room school house in Byrdstown. She left Tennessee and lived with two older sisters in Muncie, Indiana. There she helped in the households with housekeeping and child care. She attended high school there and graduated from Royerton High School in 1950 in Muncie, Indiana. After graduation, she lived at the YWCA in Muncie, and had part time work in a silverware factory and also an ice cream factory. While living at the YWCA, she listened to a talk by an Army Recruiter. It sounded like a wonderful life and opportunity so she enlisted in the USAF in 1952 and retired in 1974 from Lowry Air Force Base in Aurora, Colorado.

During her career in the Air Force she was stationed at bases in Texas, New York, Illinois, California, Hawaii, and Colorado. She attended a school for cooks at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and later a school for assignment in the administrative career field with duty as postal clerk in Hawaii. Her last assignment was to Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, as First Sergeant of the 3439th Student Squadron which contained all female personnel coming from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to attend schooling in

technical fields at Lowry. She was the first ATC Lady graduate of the USAF Senior NCO Academy at Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama in July 1973. She was awarded the AF Commendation Medal in 1970 and the First Oak Leaf Cluster in 1974.

She retired in 1974 as a Senior Master Sergeant with several awards and medals. She moved to Red Feather Lakes in 1986 for ten years and finally to Ft. Collins, Colorado. Loxie met her partner in the Air Force and have been committed relationship for 45 years. They signed a Civil Unions on April of 2014 and were married on November 10, 2014 at the county court house in Ft. Collins.

After retirement Loxie spent time with maintaining home and taking care of several pets. Loxie and Lucy had three poodles and a cat over the years. They traveled a lot in different RV's over the USA and visited home of families and friends. They also entertained family and friends at homes in Denver and Red Feather Lakes over the years. Loxie was an excellent cook. She also attended WAF Association Reunions at various locations in the USA. Loxie also attended the Foothills Unitarian Church in Ft. Collins.

Loxie loved being outdoors doing anything. She played many sports in the Air Force including tennis, skiing, golf, basketball, but her joy was in bowling in Base Sports Teams. She received many awards and trophies. She started fishing and it became a favorite thing to do in Red Feather Lakes. She also became a great fan of the Denver Broncos in the early Seventies.

Survivors include her spouse Lucille D. Laugesen of Ft. Collins; two brothers, Cecil Dowdy and Lonzi Dowdy (Diana) of Byrdstown, Tennessee; three sisters, Edna Cross of New Castle, Indiana, Joretta Jones of Knightstown, Indiana, and Phyllis Whitt (Don) of Byrdstown.

Preceding Loxie in death are her brothers, Hershel and Virgil Dowdy and two sisters, Cordy Rose "Kay" Leslie and Clara Bell Boyer.

A private graveside service with full military honors will be held at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado at a later date. Contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W.

Olive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Loxie and me on my wedding day so glad to have this picture. Sorry for your loss Aunt Lucy we love ❤️



Pam Laugesen - September 06, 2017 at 05:36 PM

Tammy Laugesen

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Tammy Laugesen - September 04, 2017 at 05:32 PM

DE

Lox has been a great friend for over 40 years. She was always so full of love to give for every one. If any one has earned their wings, it is Lox. Love you baby and will always remember you and proud to say I had you as a friend. I am very fortunate to have such great memories of you.

Darrell Elliott - September 05, 2017 at 07:19 PM

NS

“ I am saddened to hear the loss of another angel here on earth but happy she in heaven where all great women should be. I will miss seeing her infectious smile and her hug's she that she gave people she would see. She was a kind wonderful person.

Norma, former bank employee.

Norma J Stallsworth - September 04, 2017 at 08:39 AM

KB

So very sorry to hear of Loxie's passing. I lost contact with Loxie and Lucy when our house burnt down in the wildfires in Oct 2003. Lost the addresses & phone #'s of all my friends. Loxie was my 1st Sargent at Lowry AFB in the early 70's. I visited you both at your home in Denver. I can even remember what you served me for lunch. Few years later a friend of mine named Sandy & I visited your home in Red Feathers Lake. We drove a motor home from Calif where I was stationed. As we were heading up the hill they were heading down the hill looking 4 us. We finally met up at their beautiful cabin. U were both gracious hosts to show us around the lake, post office, restaurant & bar next 2 your property. I remember U both were staining your beautiful cabin while we were their. I took several photos while we were their, but lost everything except the clothes on our backs & our 2 dogs in the fire. U 2 were so full of energy. Great roll models of Air Force women. I'm proud 2 have served the same time as U both. I will always carry great memories of you both.

Kathleen Brondyke - September 16, 2020 at 02:11 PM

TL

“ I know it is our life cycle to die one day but knowing that doesn't make it easy to say goodbye! My heart hurts. Loxie was a sweet soul with lots of hugs and kisses for everyone! She had a way of making you feel pretty special! You are in our thoughts and prayers Lucy as we know how difficult of a time this is for you! Hugs and kisses from both of us ~ Tammy and Mary

Tammy Laigesen - September 03, 2017 at 12:12 PM

KA

“ *Kayleen lit a candle in memory of Loxie L. Dowdy*



Kayleen - September 03, 2017 at 09:21 AM

KA

“ *I Am so sad to habe lost a great friend and client for the last many many years
When loxie would come get her hair cut. She was always full of love to every one around her. With his. And more hugs. She will hold a special place in my heart all my life.the angels she always wore started me to put them everywhere and wear them as well on my leather when I would ride.short or long distances. Yo ur smile and wonderful heart will be missed. I love you pixie. Rest in peace my friend. Tell Bonnie and Mari hi and we miss them . I know your with us in the wings of the angels.
Love kayleen and the family*

Kayleen - September 03, 2017 at 09:20 AM

AN

“ *Please accept my condolences for your loss, may the God of all comfort, comfort you during this time. (Matthew 5:4)*

AnnieB - September 02, 2017 at 08:46 AM