



Margaret E. Cribbs

January 20, 1921 - April 14, 2019

Margaret Elaine Cribbs was born on January 20, 1921 in Edinboro, Pennsylvania, to Christian Boyd and Alice (Stevenson) Hostettler. She had 3 brothers—James, Harold, and Don—and one sister, Lois. She grew up on the family dairy farm and went to a one room school for her first 8 years. She graduated from high school in 1937, and went to business school in Erie, PA, and then to Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She met her future husband while doing summer work at his home church in Dubois, PA. Margaret and Fielding “Lamar” Cribbs were married on December 20, 1947. They moved to Danville, KY where he was attending Asbury Theological Seminary.

Margaret and Lamar had 4 children: Alice Mae Hight, Karen Elaine (John) Stoodly, David Lamar (Nicole) Cribbs, and Margaret Jeanette “Jean” Hollingsworth. The children were raised while they were serving Methodist Churches in Clintonville and New Castle, PA; Walsenburg, Monte Vista, Delta, and Aurora, CO. After Lamar’s sudden death in 1981, while serving the Methodist Church in Rocky Ford, CO, Margaret moved to Pueblo, CO where she worked as a church secretary for several years.

At the age of 85 she had the blessing of a second marriage to her next door neighbor and friend, Paul Laird. They had 6 great years together until he passed away in April of 2012. In 2016, Margaret moved to Fort Collins, CO so her daughter Karen could help her out. Her passing on April 14, 2019, was on

the anniversary of Paul Laird's birthday.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husbands, oldest daughter Alice, and Alice's infant daughter Alicia. She is survived by her other 3 children, 4 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. She had many friends, especially in Pueblo, and she was always a faith filled and faithful Christian.