



Margaret Claudine Dayton

April 15, 1919 - August 12, 2013

Margaret Claudine Dayton, aged 94, a Fort Collins resident for forty-five years, died Monday, August 12 of an acute illness.

Born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado to Claudine and James McGill, Margaret left high school and married young to her lifelong partner of 63 years, Malcolm R. Dayton. They moved to Durango, Colorado to raise their family, and lived out their remaining years as residents of Fort Collins.

Margaret was preceded in death by her first-born son at birth, husband Malcolm R., her parents, a sister Mae McGill of Pueblo, two great-grandsons Danny Calloway & Dillon Egger, and a son-in-law Bill Pearce. She is survived by a brother Jim McGill, Pueblo and her four children: Doris Pearce and Carol Morlan & husband, Bob of Durango, and Beverly Dayton and Malcolm F. Dayton & wife, Teresa of Fort Collins.

Margaret's passion was her family and her life-long commitment was living her spirituality. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She worked as a telephone operator for 30 years for Mountain Bell Telephone. Later in life, she became an award-winning Avon Representative, and was also awarded The Avon Spirit Award for her hardy grace as a breast cancer survivor and for her care in managing Malcolm's end-of-life Alzheimer's disease.

Margaret was devoted to her 4 children, her 16 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Her later years and days were spent communicating with and caring for her extended family members.

Mom was a "Die Hard Bronco Fan" -- Her competitiveness and humor resulted in many novel ways to pay her losses. Her playful hobby was as a late-in-life computer-jockey. She will always be lovingly remembered as "Mom" and "Granma Marg".

She is fondly remembered by friends for living with her heart-wide-open.

A Celebration of Life will occur at her home, this Sunday, August 18 from 1:00 to 3:00. Friends who would like to drop-in are asked to please call 970-689-4247 for directions. Contributions can be made in her name to St. Joseph Catholic Church or The Alzheimer's Association

Funeral and burial services will be conducted September 7, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. at St. Columba Catholic Church in Durango, Colorado.

Tribute Wall

NM

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DE

“ Last summer, we were able to spend a few, special days in Fort Collins with Grandma. One evening, we went to dinner at one of Grandma's favorite restaurants. As there were 6 of us, we had to take 2 cars. Picture this, a 93 year young woman driving her 2, adult daughters to dinner... So, sweet and a picture I will always see in my mind! Grandma, you took the wheel of this family for many years, and we hope you continue to steer us in the right direction. I love you, "Your Curly" --- Debbie

Debbie - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I worked with Margaret at Mountain Bell for a short time just before she retired. I met up with her a few years later after my husband died. She was able to give me strength and friendship. I was always finding something in the Avon catalog to buy just so I could go over to her house for a visit. We were all blessed to have know such a wonderful woman.

Brenda Flynn - August 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ It was so sad to hear the passing of such a wonderful, caring, loveable person as Grandma Dayton. She was wonderful to talk with and to listen too. God has gained another angel to watch over her children, grand-children, great grand-children and friends. Thank you for allowing me to know you and the family. You will be missed until we see you again one day. God Bless you and again thank you for such a wonderful experience.

Tod E Jackson - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Granma was and will always be the sweetest, kindest, most loving person we have ever known! We have been truly blessed to have her in our lives for so many wonderful years. She was a shining example to all of us on how to live, love and care for one another. Granma your smile will remain in our hearts forever. We love you so very much.

Gary and Lisa Pearce - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ For 17 years we lived across the street from this beautiful couple. They were always so good to me, and my children, David and Katie. We have many happy memories...they were truly good neighbors! There was always teasing between us that we were working on the wrong side of the street when we did our yard work! I saw Margaret just a few months ago at King Soopers...it was so good to see her...such a sweet kind lady! I'm happy to have had them as part of my life.

Laurie - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To the family of Margaret Claudine Dayton, I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." Psalm 34;18 With sympathy,

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TM

“ Grandma was an amazing beautiful women who will be greatly missed by not only me but many many others.. She was so kind and caring and full of love.. LOVE YOU GRANDMA...may you RIP..

Trish Morlan - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We are thinking of your family as you go through this difficult time. Your mom/grandma will be missed

Benz Family - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ oh grandma,,,just to hear your voice one more time! I love you and will honor your passing with doing at least one loving act a day to brighten someone's day, as you did mine every day of my life.

margaret harrington - August 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM