



Margaret Gravdahl

July 10, 1919 - April 5, 2015

Margaret Gravdahl, aged 95 years passed away peacefully at home Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

Margaret Lenora Gates was born July 10, 1919 in Bradley, South Dakota to Harvey Dick and Ella Adeline (Lloyd) Gates. The fourth of five children she grew up on the farm, graduated from Thorpe Consolidated High School and later earned certification from Northeast Teacher's College in Aberdeen South Dakota. She taught K-12 in rural South Dakota public schools. She worked at the Bremerton shipyards during WWII and later served the US Navy as a Pharmacist Mate First Class at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA. After the war she worked in the insurance business, co-owned the Flamingo Night Club in Watertown, SD, and was an administrative assistant at a number of federal government agencies. She brought her family to Fort Collins in 1967 to work in the new Center for Disease Control, CSU Foothills Campus. She later worked for the Poudre Valley Hospital Phone Desk. She closed her employment history as a part time office manager at the Park Lane Towers Condominiums retiring from the workforce on her 80th birthday. Margaret loved to travel and cheerfully celebrated her 73rd birthday in London during a family visit to the British Isles. She was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Gravdahl; her siblings

Emma, Helen, Lawrence, and Richard; and her cherished nephews and niece Jack Link, Pat Gottsleben, Bill Harvey, Jerry Gates, and Mike Day.

Two children were born to her first marriage with Michael Mirras. Ernest Mirras lives in Fort Collins, Harvey Mirras passed away in early childhood. She later married Herbert Gravdahl, her son John Gravdahl (Kathleen) and grandson Evan live in Fort Collins. Over the years she encouraged a beautiful sharing of experiences for her growing children between these diverse families.

Margaret lived a full and eventful life. She was devoted to family and friendships. Her sincere smile and positive outlook continue to inspire. Straight ahead Mom!

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1200 S Taft Hill Road in Fort Collins. Donations may be sent to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
1200 S Taft Hill Rd Fort Collins, CO US 80521
Fort Collins, CO 80521

Tribute Wall

KF

“ Dear John: Your mother's obituary revealed she led a very full and happy life. What a great tribute. I wish I had known her. My sincere condolences on your loss.

Kate Forgach

Kate Forgach - April 13, 2015 at 12:06 PM

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“ John (and the entire Gravdahl family), please accept my deepest sympathies for the passing of your mother. I read her obituary in the Tuesday edition of the Coloradoan and although I didn't know her, I learned what an amazing woman she was, having lived such a full, long life. Loosing a loved one, especially one's mother, is never easy. My hope for you now is that you will keep memories of her love & laughter alive in your heart to help alleviate your sorrow as you move forward. With warm affection, Stephanie Stern & family

Stephanie - April 09, 2015 at 02:22 PM

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“ I recall the day when Mrs. Wagner introduced a new classmate and I turned to see a chubby cheeked kid that I recognized from Sunday school. It was shortly thereafter that I met John's mom and dad at their home on City Park Drive. For nearly fifty years, Mrs. Gravdahl always treated me with generosity, kindness and patience. John and Ern, you are blessed to have such a wonderful mother.

Rick Conard

Rick Conard - April 09, 2015 at 01:53 PM

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“ *Ern, John, Kathy and Evan. My deepest sympathy on the loss of you Mother and Grandmother. Our families were long time friends.*

Connie Combers

Connie Combers - April 09, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Margaret Gravidahl.*



April 08, 2015 at 09:26 PM

KJ

“ *I have so many fond memories of My Great Aunt Margaret. It was always a treat when she visited us in Sioux Falls and when we were able to travel to see her in Colorado. Her sense of humor and quick wit made her a great conversationalist. She will be greatly missed.*
Karen (Link) Johnson

Karen Johnson - April 08, 2015 at 06:04 PM