



## Margaret Mary Somervell

February 15, 2012 - February 15, 2012

Margaret Mary McCord Somervell, 86, of Fort Collins, died peacefully February 14, 2012 at her home, with her loving family at her bedside. Her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was well-timed with her passing on Valentine's Day. Mary was born August 31, 1925 in Denver, Colorado to Francis and Emily Palrang McCord. Mary met Willis Lewis "Slim" Somervell, Jr. Retired Capt. USN in Monterey, California. They married in Kerrville, TX on July 25, 1949, and received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope John Paul II in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary in 1999. Mrs. Somervell was a registered nurse, wanting to begin her career by the ocean in Monterey, California, and then followed Slim's naval career moves to Virginia, Norway, California and Japan. Mary received her B.S. from University of Colorado, Boulder, and completed her Nurse Practitioner degree from Brigham Young University. Upon Slim's retirement from the Navy in 1970, the family moved first to Boulder, Colorado, and in 1972 settled in Rist Canyon in Bellvue for 30 years before moving to Fort Collins in 2003. Mary worked as a clinical nurse specialist at the Colorado State University Health Services Center, and enjoyed her work both in the clinic and at the CSU Forestry camp at Pingree Park. Among her passions were flower arrangements, her plants, cooking, tending her ranch animals and garden in Rist Canyon, supporting Slim's active involvement in the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department and local Republican Party politics. Her organizations included Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and the Retired Officers Association. The Somervells are members of

St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mary lived with Parkinson's disease among her ailments and endured many years of chronic pain. She did not complain but offered up her suffering to Our Lord on the Cross. This dear lady's greatest pleasures were praying for those in need, which included traveling around the world on holy pilgrimages, feeding the wild birds outside her home windows, and especially spending time with her beloved husband and devoted family. Survivors include her loving husband, Willis Lewis Somervell, Jr.; son, Willis Lewis "Bill" Somervell, V of San Diego, California; daughters, Mary Cathleen David Wilson of Fort Collins, Frances Somervell Johnson of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Maureen Patricia Somervell-Bath of Fort Collins, Joann Louise James Hards of Durango, Colorado; and thirteen grandchildren, Holly John Johnson, Mary Wilson, Katherine Peter Leininger, Kevin Johnson, Christine Drew Cole, Willis Somervell VI, Joseph Somervell, Roger Somervell-Bath, Michael Kelsey Somervell-Bath, Joseph Somervell-Bath, Chadwick Hards, Heather Hards and James Hards; three great-grandchildren, Jack Leininger, Ezekiel Somervell-Bath and Jax Johnson; and sister-in-law, Harriett Somervell Peters of Abingdon, Virginia. Her four-legged friends include Ralphie and Hank. Preceding Mary in death are her parents, Francis and Emily; and a baby boy. A Rosary will be held Thursday February 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Bohlander Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, on Friday, February 17, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in care of Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ We consider ourselves very blessed to have known Mary, if only for a short while. She was a very sweet lady and I know she will be missed dearly by many. Our hearts go out to you at your time of loss. God bless! David & Kelly Harper

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**David & Kelly Harper** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Maureen and family, So sorry to hear about your mom. I always remember what a kind, sweet woman she was. My prayers are with your family.

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**Debra Sloan Hunter** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Dear Somervell Family, We recently learned of Mary's passing. Sad to hear, but what a wonderful person, who lived a full life. We have so many memories of Mary being our nurse at Pingree. She was great with the CSU College Students. She could understand their frame of reference having raised kids. Same with the Eco-Week 6th graders. From scraped knees to home sickness, Mary made everyone feel good after a few minutes in the med-clinic. Mary made all around her at Pingree better. Her smile and laugh were contagious. So many times she would be telling us about some crazy situation with the students and then we would laugh so hard.....She was just the best.....and a great friend. Mary will be remembered at Pingree for many years to come. I was happy to have worked with her. We will all miss her. Sincerely, Pat and Jan Rastall

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**Pat and Jan Rastall** - February 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I was so sorry to learn of Mary's passing. What a beautiful spirit; I'm so glad our paths crossed in this life. I did not see the announcement on the Coloradoan website until the day of the service, when I was home without a car, or I would have attended. May peace be with all family and friends who are grieving her loss.

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**Margie Klitch** - February 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Slim, I am sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Mary fondly from the investment club. She was funny and kind and treated us to wonderful homemade cookies quite often! My prayers are with you and your children.

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**Annette Gunnerson** - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ You & your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Paul Rulon** - February 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Dear Somervell Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Mary, as we knew her, was indeed a lovely person who always had a smile for anyone she met up with. She will be missed very much. God Bless you, Ray & Nina Velasquez

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**Ray & Nina Velasquez** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Dear Somervell Family, I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I worked with her at CSU's Health Center and I will always remember her as a loving and caring person. She is now out of pain and with our Lord. Peace to all of you as you go through this difficult time.

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**Pamela Beckman Kraus** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Mom, all the qualities I value in myself, I acquired from you. We share so many similar traits and I will treasure them through our loving mother/daughter union for the rest of my life. Our laughs, our love, our 'talk time' at night, lying in bed next to each other, holding hands. Each day I will think of you and know you will always be close to me, until we meet again. All my love, Francie

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**Francie Somervell Johnson** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ What a beautiful, happy, spiritual, strong, and loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. Your Presence will be missed. You have left such a powerful, peaceful mark on us all. We Love You

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**Kevin Johnson** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ She was a beautiful lady, a lovely mother, a darling wife. I took her across the Pacific, I took her across the Atlantic. She was just a darling. She was a dear, dear lady. I miss her much.

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**Slim Somervell** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Joann: I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. What a dear, sweet woman she was. Although I only got to know her while we were in high school, I will never forget what a very nice, kind, sweet mom that you had. May she rest in peace.

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**Ann Brenner Carroll** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am very sorry about Mary's passing. She was a wonderful and kind woman.

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**marty johnson** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Rest in Peace sweet Mary. Jim and Anna DuBose

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**Jim DuBose** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I have such sweet and cherished memories of our years at CSU Student Health Center. We had such fun times but worked hard too. I remember trips up the canyon to the house and how peaceful it was and the wild animal and snake stories you shared. Even though I have not seen you for many years I think often of you. Rest in peace dear friend and enjoy the glory of heaven.

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**Pat Piatt** - February 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM