



Marijean Barela

October 22, 1945 - March 11, 2023

Marijean Barela was welcomed into the arms of God and her heavenly family on Saturday, March 11, 2023 in Loveland, Colorado.

Marijean was born to Arden and Rosebelle Smith on October 22, 1945, in Sterling, Colorado. She was raised on a farm with five sisters in the Kelly community which included a small country school and church.

Marijean was the social butterfly and entertainer of her younger sisters. She graduated from Sterling High School and later Bernel Hair Styling College in Fort Collins. Marijean was a Cosmetologist by trade and the owner of the Cameo in Fort Collins and High Country Hair Care in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado, for over 40 years.

Marijean met the love of her life John "Mutt" on a blind date set up by Mutt's sister. They were married in 1969 and thus began their fairy tale life together. She devoted her life to him, and Mutt devoted his life to her and together they raised a family with two sons.

They moved to their dream location in the mountains in 1988. She loved every minute of the landscape, wildlife, and beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

She is preceded in death by her parents Arden and Rosabelle Smith, grandchild Crystal Barela, and two sisters Dorothy Huffman and Barbara Sobott.

Marijean is survived by her husband Mutt and her two sons: James (Linda)

Barela and Amadeo “Little Mutt” (Jennifer) Barela along with five grandchildren: James Jr. (Breanna) Barela, Natalie (Markus) Barela-McIntosh, Zephaniah Barela, Rachel Barela, and Elijah Barela and her five great-grandchildren: Alejandro Barela, Bailee Barela, Calypso Barela, Nakye Barela, and NaiLah Barela. She is also survived by her sisters: Margaret Huntley, JoEllen (John) Emarine, and Ardith (Syd) White, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Marijean was an unbelievable wife, daughter, sister, aunt, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was one of the best blessings in those lives around her, and she will be missed endlessly.

A service of celebration and remembrance will commence on Friday, March 17th, at 9:30 am, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins: 300 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins. Please join her loved ones for a luncheon after the internment back at Saint Joseph’s at noon. The viewing will be held Thursday, March 16th, at Bohlender Funeral Chapel from 12:00-4:00 pm: 121 West Olive Street, Fort Collins. This will be followed by the Rosary at Saint Joseph’s at 5:30 pm.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR **16**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
300 W. Mountain Ave.
Fort Collins, 80521

Funeral Mass

MAR **17**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
300 W. Mountain Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ *My Aunt Marijean has always had a special place in my heart. I was close to her and spent a lot of time with her for the years we lived across the street from her, mutt, jim and little mutt. She would come over every morning and have coffee with my mom, JoEllen and I. We would start our days with catching up about the latest things in our lives, and our families lives. I have missed those days and thought about them often. She was my first employer, of sorts. She hired me to help clean the Cameo, with my cousin Jimmy, and I continued cleaning her house and shop after she moved her business into her home. She taught me you can have a successful business and a family and not neglect either one. Aunt Marijean was always there to help anyone who needed it. I have many stories of things she did for others, too many to list here. Things have happened that have prevented my seeing her or any of my family for the last 10 years. I hope she knew the truth, including how much I loved her, and missed her. Uncle Mutt, I am so sorry. Jimmy and Little Mutt, your mom was kind, loving, generous and everything a mom should be. I love and miss all of you,
Denise J Ashby*

Denise Ashby-Kloberdanz - March 15, 2023 at 09:05 PM

MB

“ *Marijuana was a wonderful friendly person who would always greet you with a beautiful smile. She was certainly Mutts right arm. You would experience their love for each other when they were present. May you rest in peace Marijean, you will be missed.*



Melvin Barella - March 15, 2023 at 08:40 PM

DS

“ *May the wonderful memories Marijean blessed your family with sustain you during this difficult time. I am sure the bright light in your lives has dimmed considerably with her passing. She truly was a delightful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jerry and Donna Schott*

Donna Schott - March 15, 2023 at 01:25 PM

CS

Marijean was a ray of Sunshine every time I saw her! I remember going into her beauty shop when her and my Mom worked together. She will be missed by her family and friends she was a great lady always made you smile. She is in a great place with God and at peace. You will be missed Meri Jean Cheri Hoffner

Cheri Schwiesow - March 15, 2023 at 01:32 PM

JK

“ *John & Boys,*

I am saddened to hear of your beautiful wife and mother passing. She was one in a million.

I have known her for many years and she was like a sister to me. I got to know her through my brother Richard.

I recall the days of babysitting for the boys when they were little and the many haircuts and laughter that we shared. She was a real Gem.

I enjoyed seeing and talking with you both last summer when I was there and you both looked happy and healthy. One never knows when the God will call us home. So we make the best of every day. I will miss her laughter and sassy attitude that she shared with everyone that knew her well..

Hold on to all those beautiful and wonderful memories that you shared together and she will be in your hearts forever.

I will miss her every day and remember our never ending love for each other.

All my Love,

Julia Muniz Koepsell

Julia Koepsell - March 14, 2023 at 01:10 PM

WS

John,

I'm sorry to hear about Marijean's passing. Our hearts are with you and your family.

Be Safe. Be Well.

Bill "Jake" Schild

William "Jake" Schild - March 16, 2023 at 02:22 PM