



## Marion N. Heikes

August 27, 1925 - April 6, 2016

Marion (Watterberg) Heikes, 90, died Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in Fort Collins, CO, surrounded by family. Marion was born at home on a farm near Vauxhall, Alberta, Canada on August 27, 1925, to Charles and Mary Watterberg. She attended Montana State University where she studied art. There she met Parker Eugene "Gene" Heikes, and they were married on September 14, 1946 in Vauxhall, Alberta. Gene and Marion lived for many years in Montana before moving to Fort Collins in 1961 where Marion was a homemaker and mother to their four children.

Marion was a wonderful wife of 69 years to Gene, who preceded her in death in December, 2015. She was a devoted and loving mother to Ken (Beverly) Heikes of Hilo, HI, Lloyd (Stacy) Heikes of Greeley, CO, Nancy (Rob) Butcher of Fort Collins, and Ross (Jenny Hand) Heikes of Fort Collins. She delighted in her grandchildren, Mara, Andrea, Kenny, Andrew, Tom, Katie, Dan, Kevin, Parker, and Indigo, and her great-grandchildren, Joseph, Helen, and Betty. She is survived by her brother Bob Watterberg of Calgary, Alberta.

Marion was an avid collector and enjoyed finding treasures at garage and estate sales. She was also a talented gardener and was proud to tour and share her flower gardens with her daylilies and dahlias. Even in her last days she wanted her tulips nearby. Marion never met a stranger, offering a kind word to everyone she met. She was a curious and enthusiastic learner, with

an interest in geography that she developed through her extensive travels around the world. She was a very active member of her bridge and mahjong groups and quite skilled with the cards and cribbage. She was a talented artist, painting watercolor pictures and china. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved hearing and telling jokes. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on April 30, 2016 at 10:00am at the First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover, in the small chapel.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 10:00 AM (MT)

First United Methodist Church  
1005 Stover St.  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ Jay & Chris lit a candle in memory of Marion N. Heikes



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**Jay & Chris** - February 25, 2018 at 10:52 PM

BB

“ Heikes family: I knew Gene and Marion for 50-some years and cherished them both. I am sorry for your loss and wish you the best!  
Bert L. Bohmont

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**Bert Bohmont** - April 28, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion N. Heikes.



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April 25, 2016 at 03:14 PM

MT

“ Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget. A friendship that lasted 40 years with dinners, CSU games, birthday parties, dances, helping us through Mike's stroke , the delicious meals and the garden parties, Hawaii trip, and the friendship we shared made this the best years of our life. Gene and Marion were an inspiration to us and we are very glad and grateful that they came into our lives.

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**Mike & Judy TeMaat** - April 23, 2016 at 11:37 AM

AR

*I just found this website and was so warmed by yours words and thoughts. I know grandpa and grandma loved you both very much. We were just talking about you guys this summer during our family reunion. The whole family has fondest thoughts of you and Mike. With love,  
Andrea Heikes Robards*

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**Andrea Heikes Robards** - October 14, 2019 at 09:46 PM

MR

“ Marion was a faithful participant in my Strong Women Strong Bones class. She was an inspiration to every classmate! She never ceased to amaze me with her dedication and drive to keep on lifting weights that seemed bigger than she was! I so enjoyed her positive attitude and zest for life. She was always interested in what was going on with her classmates and was one of our favorite folks. I stopped by her place many times to enjoy the yard and some extra zucchini!  
Sincerely  
Marcia Richards  
Strong Women Strong Bones teacher

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**Marcia Richards** - April 23, 2016 at 08:55 AM