



## Martha Louise McNeal

July 20, 1937 - January 15, 2015

Martha L. McNeal (Punk) was born July 20th, 1937 to Wilson J. and Ruth I. (Heinecke) Fredling in Greeley, Co. She spent her early childhood years in Greeley, then California, Texas, and Estes Park during World War II while her father served in the US Navy. After WWII, her family moved to Eastern Colorado, living in the communities of Yuma, Eckley and graduating from Sedgwick in 1955.

Martha attended University of Northern Colorado, formerly known as CO State College, where she met the love of her life, Stephen W. McNeal. She graduated in 1959 with a degree in Music Education and a minor in Elementary Education.

Upon graduating she married Steve on August 16th, 1959 in Sterling, CO. They moved to Eaton, Co. where they lived for 2 years before moving to Fort Collins in 1962. Martha taught in Kersey, Eaton, Timnath, Fort Collins and Wellington. She also influenced several of her private lesson students to great success.

A great joy for Martha and Steve were the adoptions of their daughter, Elizabeth (1969) and son Nathan (1976) whom they raised in their home on the East edge of Ft. Collins.

Martha also enjoyed the years spent singing with the Fort Collins Women's Chorus, in leadership of the local Christian Women's Club, working at Craft Trophy Shop and Boomer Music. But aside from her family, her greatest joy was to support and encourage her husband of 55+ years in his musical endeavors.

Steve and Martha are longtime members of LifePointe, formerly known as First Baptist Church. They also dearly loved spending time at their little mountain cabin near Hahn's Peak, CO. It truly was their home away from home.

Martha went home to be with her Lord and Savior on January 15th, 2015 while surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Nancy Jo (Fredling) Wordell. She is survived by her husband Steve, daughter Elizabeth (Pat) Stobbe, son Nathan, 9 grandchildren; Courtney (Chris) Von Holt, Marissa, Luke, Katie, Ben, Isaac, Ian and Riley Stobbe and Addison Jay McNeal. She is also survived by sisters Carol Pearson and Gayl Fredling, her 99 year old Aunt and numerous cousins and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, January 24th @ 2:00pm in the University Center for the Arts, 2nd floor, Organ Recital Hall. 1400 Remington Ave.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made through Bohlender Funeral Chapel 121 W. Olive St. Fort Collins, CO 80524. Please specify contributions to be sent to either: Samaritan's Purse, Alliance Defending Freedom, or Fort Collins Wind Symphony.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven

8426 S College Ave  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 2:00 PM (MT)

University Center for the Arts, Organ Recital Hall  
1400 Remington Street  
Ft. Collins, CO 80524

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ Dear Steve and family, A voice out of the past -- back in the 60's. My sister-in-law, Dolores Moreland, told me about Martha's passing. A was very sorry to hear of it Please be assured that you and your family are in my prayers.

*Wilbur Moreland*

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**Wilbur Moreland** - January 31, 2015 at 08:58 PM

TZ

“ Dear Steve and family,

*We send you our love and prayers along with sympathy in losing your precious "Punk." Having known her parents too, we feel like your family has been a part of all of us. All of us were saddened to learn of her passing. She was such a bright light to everyone who knew her. You two have been such a gift to our whole church, school and music community. Warmly, Tara and Polly Zeleny and families. (Now living in Burlington, VT where we moved last year.)*

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**Tara L. Zeleny** - January 27, 2015 at 09:58 PM

RW

“ McNeal Family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Mrs. McNeal's passing. I will always remember her as my favorite teacher and the one who got me excited about music. Her influence on my life and so many others is immeasurable.*

*Robert Wood*

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**Robert Wood** - January 26, 2015 at 03:00 PM

AL

“ Steve,  
*I am so sorry to hear of Martha's passing. She was a truly wonderful person and brought so much light into the world. I am truly going to miss seeing you guys come in every couple of weeks and everyone else at the clinic deeply misses Martha as well. You and your family will continue to be in our thoughts.*  
Amanda

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**Amanda Lesquier** - January 24, 2015 at 11:01 PM

MH

“ Dear Steve and family,  
*We are sorry to hear of Martha passing away. Even though it has been years since we have seen her, we'll always remember her wit and quick smile. We have fond memories of meeting her for the first time at Christian Women's Club where Myron spoke. She was a wonderful woman. We are praying for you all that God will give you His peace of heart and mind. May you be blessed with great memories!*  
Love and Prayers,  
Myron and Maureen (Duffield) Hastings

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**Maureen Hastings** - January 24, 2015 at 04:50 PM

NG

“ To Steve and family: *Jim and I are so sorry to hear of Martha's passing. I wish we had been able to spend more time with her...it always seems that, when spending time with friends, there's never enough. However, we look forward to the day when we'll all be able to talk and laugh and have eternity to spend together.*

*We're praying for you often, Steve, and will continue to remember you before His throne during the days ahead. God bless you and comfort you. In Him, Nancy and Jim Giggy*

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**Nancy & Jim Giggy** - January 24, 2015 at 01:52 PM



“ I had the priviledge of meeting Martha when I was a student at Timnath and she was our music teacher. What a great lady! What a great role model! She not only taught music-- she taught equality, rights, responsibility, fun, and self-confidence. I remember her french horn; I remember her "do, re, me" songs; I remember her warm smile.

One of my special memories is of Martha driving me home after school--when I missed the bus and was terrified to call my folks:) It's a good thing that happened "way back when." I'm sure the powers that be would frown on a teacher just up and driving a student home today.

My heartfelt condolences to her friends and family. God speed, Martha:)

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**Lois Peltz** - January 24, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ Dear McNeal family, we want to express our sympathy to you and refresh wonderful memories we have shared as your friends and neighbors for 40 years. Take care, the Oakes family.

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**Mary and Phil Oakes** - January 23, 2015 at 04:57 PM

NH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Martha McNeal. It has been many years since we have met and I hold her in a special place in my heart. It doesn't feel fair to lose her and I hope the family experiences comfort from each other and those who are very close to them.*

*Sincerely,  
Nancy G. Hanck*

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**Nancy Hanck** - January 22, 2015 at 05:52 PM

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“ *Steve and family, Our deepest sympathy.  
Janie Nelson Miller and Ann Nelson Richardson*

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**Ann Richardson** - January 22, 2015 at 08:39 AM

PP

“ *I knew Mrs. McNeal best through her dear daughter, Beth, and her remarkable husband, Mr. McNeal. Her ready smile lit up the room, and she was so clearly loved by her family. That speaks volumes to me. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you now. With love,  
Perri (Lovaas) Pelletier*

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**Perri Pelletier** - January 21, 2015 at 12:14 PM

DB

“ Mrs. McNeal taught me piano for about three years after the death of my former piano teacher, you might remember, Mrs. Richards. She started all four of us kids, but Diane and I continued for many years. I learned a lot from Mrs. McNeal. She had me accompany a french horn student for a band tryout. I hadn't done that before, and was very nervous, but Mrs. McNeal encouraged me, and because of that I have been playing for weddings, funerals, party's, and church services, for many, many years. She will be missed by all of you so much and our prayers go out to all of you. So comforting to know she is with our heavenly Father, and we get to play music for ever in heaven with Jesus!!  
Love,  
Ralph and Dawn (Einarsen) Brent



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Dawn brent - January 20, 2015 at 01:45 PM

JC

“ Hi, Steve and Family...  
  
We are so sorry for the loss of Punk. We love you ~ and we are praying for you. We are so grateful for all the wonderful memories.  
  
Jerry Christian and Family

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Jerry Christian - January 19, 2015 at 08:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Martha Louise McNeal.



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January 19, 2015 at 06:35 PM

GH

“*Doug and I want to send our heartfelt condolences to your family. We didn't know your mom/wife, personally, but know Mr. McNeal from our days at FCHS. We also know that behind every good man is often a great woman, cheering him on. :) Sounds like your mom/wife was just that woman. Much love and prayers for peace and joy amidst the pain.*

*Gretchen and Doug Hanna*

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**Gretchen Hanna** - January 19, 2015 at 10:37 AM

SD

“*What a beautiful tribute to a very special lady who had such an impact on so many people. As it is written in Matthew 25:23, "Well done, good and faithful servant."*

*Steve, our thoughts and prayers are with you and all the McNeal family during this time.*

*Love,*

*Sandi & Mike Dorsey*

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**Sandi Dorsey** - January 18, 2015 at 03:29 PM

MS

*The impact Martha and Steve have had on this community is simply immeasurable! The seeds she planted in our hearts and memories will bear fruit forever. Bless you all. Mary Beth Solano*

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**Mary Beth Solano** - January 18, 2015 at 10:15 PM

GM

*Our sympathy and love go out to you, Steve, and your family. We know how much she will be missed.*

*Harold and Gen Maul*

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**Gen Maul** - January 19, 2015 at 12:15 PM

JS

*Mrs. McNeal had a profound impact on her music students at Timnath. She always had a smile on her face and a kind word to share. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Joan Fisher Saxbury** - January 19, 2015 at 03:05 PM

BF

*What a valiant struggle by a valiant lady. Martha and Steve had an unimaginable part in the raising of our sons David and Ken. Their superior talents and God given compassion were freely offered for the benefit of others. We feel honored we were allowed to be part of Martha's life Steve. With love, Lola and Bill Funke*

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**Bill Funke** - January 19, 2015 at 06:06 PM

AM

*Mr. McNeal, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family  
Anne McGinnies Myers*

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**Anne McGinnies Myers** - January 19, 2015 at 09:52 PM

CW

*My heart is out to you, Steve. You had such a wonderful relationship that I always admired.  
Call me anytime you want and you are always welcome in my home.*

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**Chuck West** - January 21, 2015 at 08:02 AM

CB

*What a lady Punk was! Her obvious love of Steve, Beth & family made her look radiant. Our Red Hat group treasured our lunches when she was able to join. Steve's support of her activities was so heart warming.  
Cheryl Beckett*

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**Cheryl Beckett** - January 22, 2015 at 12:15 AM