



## Mary E. Frison

September 17, 1918 - November 15, 2011

Mary E. Frison, 93, of Ft. Collins passed away in her home November 15, 2011 following a brief illness. Mary was born in Manvel, North Dakota to John and Essie Copps on September 17, 1918, the second of six children. Following graduation from business school she moved to Washington, D.C. in 1940 where she worked for the Office of Scientific Research and Development at the Carnegie Institute. While working there, she met her husband, Bob, who was serving in the U.S. Navy. They were married in Grand Forks, North Dakota on September 1, 1947 and moved to Fort Collins, where he attended CSU. Bob and Mary owned and operated "Operation Electric" a retail appliance store in Old Town for 35 years. They were active in local charities and civic organizations and supported the renovation of downtown Fort Collins in becoming the present "Old Town." In 1983, they purchased Poudre City Resort in Poudre Canyon and welcomed guests there until their retirement in 1988. Mary was known to many in Fort Collins for her love of the game of bridge, which she played as recently as a month before her death. Mary became an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church upon her arrival in Ft. Collins. She served in many positions in the church as well as in the St. Joseph's school where her children attended. Mary is survived by her three daughters, Jeanette, Mary Jo, and Annelle. She also leaves seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one sister, Helen Jevtic of Manteca California, and her sister-in-law, Joan McChesney who resides in Ft. Collins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; son, Bobby; and grandson,

Zach; sister, Alice; brothers, Walter, Ernest and Eugene; and her first husband Peter Tarbay who died in WWII. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in her honor on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church followed by a luncheon in the church. Recitation of the Rosary will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. Contributions may be made in her name to the Food Bank of Larimer County in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W Olive St. Ft. Collins, Colorado 80524.

# Tribute Wall

LR

“ It was my privlidge to know Mary as I got to work for the Frisons at Operation Electric and a little at Poudre City Resort. Mary helped "graduate" me into adulthood and I always felt like a member of their extended family. A wonderful and caring person to both family and friends.

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**Laird Reed** - December 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Annelle, Nathan and Allysa, We want you to know how saddened we are by the passing of your mom and grandma. May she stay vital in your memories for a very long time. Annelle, your care and attention to her needs in the past few years will only serve to make those memories richer. Our condolences and love, Deb, Sid, Andy and Xander

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**Deb Schell-Frank** - November 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Annelle, Mary Jo & Jeanette, I was sorry to hear about your Mom. I always thought of her as a very classy lady. Annelle when we would ride our bikes home from school it was fun to stop in at the store and see both your parents. She will be missed, but you all have a very special angel looking out for you. Thoughts and prayers.  
Jeanne Mangum Godinez

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**Jeanne Mangum Godinez** - November 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Frison Family, It is hard to express how much your mom meant to me. She was more than I client- she was my dear friend. It was an honor and pleasure to have her as my client for the last 27 yrs. She will always be in my heart!! You are all in my thoughts and prayers; I know that Mary is resting peacefully with our dear Lord.

Kathy Michels - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ To the Frison family: The Brady family would like you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Brady's - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Annelle, Mary Jo and Jeanette, Sorry to hear about your Mom. I spent many happy hours in your house! Know I am thinking of you now and always. Debbie VanArsdale Koliha

Debbie VanArsdale Koliha - November 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Jeanette, Mary Jo and Annelle, Your mom always had such a welcoming way. Her smile and gentle manner is my memory of her. Please know my heart is saddened by your mom's death. Dad told me about it when I called him on my usual Sunday call. He asked me to send his regards. I send my love and blessings to you at this time. Margette & Kip Pulis George Van Arsdale

Margette Pulis - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. It sure sounds like she was a wonderful person, and a real rock for her girls.

Kathleen Steenson - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ *Mary Jo, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Ellen & Barry Ondo** - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Mary Jo, Jeanette and Annelle, I'm so sorry to hear about your mother's death. She was such a wonderful person, and I particularly missed her when we moved from Ft Collins so many years ago.*  
*Carolyn Baldwin*

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**Carolyn Baldwin** - November 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *I was sorry to read of Mary's death in this morning's paper. Some time in the 1970s, to enjoy a short break from the 9 young children in my house, my husband's secretary and I went to Mexico. Bob and Mary and the 3 girls were on the same trip. They were all delightful people! For many years, then, as I listened Mary's readings during Mass at St Joseph's, I felt blessed to know her personally. She will be missed.*

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**Rose Brinks** - November 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM