



Ruth "Honey" Knox

April 10, 2009

Ruth K. "Honey" Knox, 93, of La Porte, Colorado, died on Good Friday, April 10, 2009 at the Columbine Care Center West of natural causes. She was born May 2, 1915 in Roodhouse, Illinois to Mark Ward, and Vera King. She grew up and attended high school there where she met her life long mate Gerald W. Knox. They were married on March 4, 1935 and promptly set out to establish their new life together in Manitou Springs, Colorado. They co-owned and operated a horse stable at 1000 S. Colorado Blvd. in Denver for a many years with her husband's parents. They gave birth to three sons while in the Denver area and informally adopted one other son, Johnny Petzoldt during his teenage years until he went to military service. In 1954 they sold the horse stables to a commercial business firm then bought the family farm and moved permanently to La Porte. Her husband's parents followed them to La Porte and bought the farm across Hwy 287 to be close to the grandkids. Her husband's failing health was always a concern and she made the career change from devoted wife and mother to working for the Poudre R1 School District for approximately 22 years. Her husband died at the age of 54 in 1969. She never remarried and lived alone and took care of the family farm in La Porte. In 1960 she was a cook in the La Porte school cafeteria. She was hired as the school secretary at Cache La Poudre Junior High School in 1965 and remained at that job for the next 17 years where she "broke in" and worked with several principals during that tenure. Besides the love for and pride in her family, her most proud achievement was the service to the kids of CLP JR

High. While all of her family and most close friends called her "Honey", there were thousands of Jr. High kids that she cared for called her "MOM". She is survived by her brother Mark Ward King Jr., two sons and wives Gary K. and Elaine Knox of Wellington; Patrick M. and Beverly Knox of Chugiak, Alaska; daughter in law Charla Knox of Aurora. She was preceded in death by her Husband Gerald W Knox; son William Ward Knox; sisters Eleanor Briggs and Deloris Kerr. She has 11 grandchildren: Steve, Scott, Brian and William Jr. Knox, Gerri Ann Hobby, Sherri Lynn Knott, Mike Knox, Dan Knox, Trisha Knox, Crystal Knox and Troy O'Shay Knox. She also has 15 great grandchildren. The Knox Family would like to invite friends to share the Celebration of Life gathering Monday night April 13, 2009 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Tapestry House Event Center, 3212 North Overland Trail in La Porte. If you have any fond remembrances or stories to tell of your relationship with Honey, we would appreciate you sharing these with all that attend the gathering. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Hospice of Larimer County, 305 Carpenter Rd, Ft. Collins, CO 80525.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ She took care of us kids at CLP Jr. High. I rode my bike over to her house on Sundays, and she took me to church at St. Luke's on Stover Street in Fort Collins. She was not critical of us kids. She always found a positive thing to say about each one of us. Rest in peace, mom. I love you.

P. Arnold - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ HONEY WAS ONE IN A MILLION--ALWAYS SMILING AND FUN TO BE AROUND--LOVED HER DEARLY

Delbert & Donna Delehoy - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I have many wonderful memories of "Ruthie" both as a student running in to the office to say hi to her and get my daily hug, to crossing the highway when visiting my aunt and uncle to say hi to her, too. Making a difference and having an impact on the lives of so many people is a wonderful legacy that she sill leave behind. I, too, was delighted to learn that she was living just up the hall from my mom, Gladys. I only got to stop in once to say hi and it was wonderful to see her again after so many years. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We are all better for having had her touch our lives! Take good care!

Milre Goodrich Henry - April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ What a joy this one woman has been and has brought to so many people, for so many years! Literally, you will never fully know all the lives she has touched with her sunshine. What fun it was to discover Honey living a few doors from my mom last year. I've enjoyed popping in to say "hi" and was stopped short Saturday morning when I walked down the hall and her name was gone. I'm sorry I didn't know about the gathering until I was home on Monday afternoon, but certainly you and she are in my thoughts & prayers.
Gloria

Gloria Goodrich Miles - April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Mrs. Knox was truly a gem. Her smile and bubbly-presence on a Sunday morning at St. Luke's always gave me lift. She also greeted me at CLPJH several times when I interviewed for a teaching position or dropped in to observe a music class. My condolences to the family.

Wendell Frey - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I was a student at CLPJH in the late '70s. In my mind, Mrs. Knox will remain a permanent fixture at the school. Her spirit will always remain there. Thanks for the wonderful memories and your never-ending patience.

Julie Steely Levi - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our condolences to family & friends of Honey. Unfortunately, I did not get to know her but she did bless my son Tyler with her presence. "Honeymoon", as he called her, will always be fondly remembered! With Love, Sammy & Ty

Sam & Tyler Munoz - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Dear Knox Family, I am so sorry about Honey. I didn't find out in time to be able to attend on the 13th. My cousin called me too late in the evening. I have a lot of memories of Honey, we lived across the Hwy from them and I fixed and cut her hair for her a lot. She was the best friend anyone could have or ever wanted. She will be missed by so many of the CLP 'kids' that you can't name them all. Again you are in my thoughts and Prayers always. At least we know she is in a much better place and with her family their. Love to all
Arlene 'Simianer'Snider

K. Arlene 'Simianer' Snider - April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ My husband and I both went to CLPJH. "Ma Knox" was one of the best memories we have of Jr. High. She will always be treasured in our hearts

SHARI STROUP - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ We came to know and love Honey through our daughter, Kristin Burman Mellinger when she moved to AK in 1986. Honey's son, Patrick, was her first boss in AK and she came to know and love Honey via their phone chats. Honey insisted she get to know us, which was a blessing in our lives. She fed us her famous biscuits and gravy on many occasions. In 1993 she went with us to Kristin's wedding. We always loved hearing about all her "little dividends" and the goings on of her family. Her devotion to her Church and tales of her favorite priest made you know she was on a first name basis with God. It was always a delight to hear of her visits to the hospital and nursing home to take care of the "old folks" ... many of whom were 20 years her junior. Heaven has been graced with a truly classy lady by the entrance of Honey Knox. God bless you Honey, and thanks for the memories.

Marge & Jack Burman - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM