



## Sarah Elizabeth Stever

March 13, 1938 - April 18, 2022

Our mother, grandmother, companion, and friend passed peacefully into the realms of light in the late evening hours of Monday, April 18, 2022. Sarah E. Stever "Witty" (born March 13, 1938) has resided in Fort Collins, Colorado for the past 60 years.

She is survived by her three children; Michaelene McCulloch and spouse Richard McCulloch, Patrick Stever and spouse Diane Stever, and Kit Stever and her companion Danny White; sisters Cecilia Bartholemew, Peggy Wallman and Toni Kingery; grandchildren Jenni, Seth, Sean, Katie, Samantha, Jake, and Emma; and greatgrandchildren Autumn, Kennedy, and Brooks. And (the love of her life), John Wilkens.

Preceding Sarah are her parents, Cecil and Janice Witty; sister Marylee Witty; and brother Ronald Witty.

We will miss her greatly. Her kindness, humbleness, and that beautiful smile will be forever imprinted on our hearts. We love you mama, little Sarah. We'll be seeing you again in eternity. We know you'll be yodeling with the angels. Peace, beautiful lady.

Sarah will be laid to rest in her hometown of Nebraska City, NE amongst all her beloved family. Gudy Mortuary will be taking care of all arrangements in

Nebraska City. Any cards, flowers or donations (Pathways Hospice) can be sent to Bohlander Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins CO 80524.

# Tribute Wall

PN

“ Bill and I remember so fondly the visits we had with Sarah and John when they would come to Arizona in the winter. She will be remembered for her kindness, her sweetness and her shining smile. Our sincerest condolences to dear John and her family. Bill and Patty Nelson Gold Canyon AZ

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**Patty Nelson** - April 30, 2022 at 08:46 PM

LM

“ I babysat Sarah's children when she worked at Woodward Governor Co. I was extra happy to get reacquainted with her at WaterPik when I worked there. Sarah often relayed to our WaterPik friends that I had watched her children when they were small. She was an all-time favorite of mine, as well as many others!💔

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**Leilan McLaughlin** - April 29, 2022 at 11:32 AM

LS

“ If my memory serves me correctly, Sarah was the voice of Waterpik when I joined the company in 1975. She answered every phone call so professionally and with such clear and precise diction. Oh if only we still had real humans like Sarah answering our calls for help or service instead of computer voices with no interest or compassion in our needs. She was always friendly and with a smile and a quick wit. My condolences to all her family and friends for their loss at this time.

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**L. Van Stone** - April 26, 2022 at 10:26 PM

CP

“ I actually met Sarah before I worked at Water Pik. I worked for Poudre Plastics, who made all the styrofoam packing material for Water Pik products. I had to call over to WP 2 to 3 times a day to confirm the daily styrofoam orders. Sometimes we would talk for 15 minutes if she had the time! It was a real joy to finally meet her in person when I started working at the Pik in 1990! What a great person, friendly and fun to just be around. She will be missed!

Craig Perry

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Craig Perry - April 25, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sarah Elizabeth Stever.



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April 25, 2022 at 01:23 PM

SH

“ I first met Sarah at Teledyne when I was her backup on the switchboard. I loved her style, finesse, her voice, diplomacy, her laughter, upbeat spirit and her professionalism. She was one classy lady! You will be missed, sweet lady! She was always so much fun to be around. My deepest sympathy to your family. Goodbye forever friend, you are missed!

Sincerely,  
Sandy (Apodaca) Hopper

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Sandy Hopper - April 25, 2022 at 11:53 AM

SM

“ My husband and I had the privilege of working with Sarah at Teledyne Water Pik for many years. I worked on the switchboard with Sarah and we soon became close friends. We shared a lot of laughter, tears, and feelings with each other. She gave me a surprise baby shower when I was pregnant with out first child. She has always held a special place in my heart and always will. May God bless everyone she left behind and let them find peace and comfort. Until we meet again my sweet friend, rest in peace.

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**Sherry Meyer** - April 24, 2022 at 09:26 AM

RR

“ Sarah , she was great friend Ron and Connie Reno Ft collins

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**Ron Reno** - April 22, 2022 at 08:08 AM

JK

“ I worked at Teledyne Water Pik where I met Sarah. She was the kindest most thoughtful person I have ever met. I remember when she paged people and how it made me smile. She always had a big smile for everyone. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. She will be missed.

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**Joyce Kohlmeier** - April 21, 2022 at 04:45 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Sarah's family and our dear friend, John. Lyle and I met Sarah while working at Teledyne Water Pik. I always knew her voice on the intercom, paging people off and on 8 hours a day while I worked in the back on the product line. I finally met her in person when I was hired to work with her in the Office Services department. I was blessed to be her back up on the switchboard for years. It did not take long for us to become life long friends. I used to try to impersonate her when answering the calls, "TELEDYNE WATER PIIIK - how may I assist you" ?? She answered hundreds of calls per day in her unique and personal way. I never quite mastered her uniqueness and finally gave up trying. She was professional, caring and above all, one of my dearest friends. Over the years, Lyle and I were blessed to spend time with Sarah and John; vacations, home town visits and several fun filled FACs with the WaterPik crew ! Lyle and I will cherish the memories of our dear Sarah and we will miss her deeply.

*Rest in Peace dear Sarah. God bless you, your family and John.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debby and Lyle McBride*

*Haxtun, Colorado*

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**Debby and Lyle McBride** - April 21, 2022 at 01:20 PM

BC

“ To the Family of Sara Stever,  
During the Summer of 1968, I worked at  
Woodward Governor Company in downtown  
Fort Collins where I met Sara. I'll never forget  
how kind and patient she was during my  
training period and how comfortable she made me feel. When I saw  
her obituary, instantly I recognized that smiling face of hers as my  
former mentor. May fond memories of Sara live forever in our  
hearts.  
With sincere condolences,  
Barbara Shlikas Cornwall



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**Barbara Shlikas Cornwall** - April 21, 2022 at 11:57 AM

KO

*I worked at security at Teledyne want to pick a knew Sarah well she  
was a wonderful person and always smiled she will be missed greatly  
my prayers go out to her family*

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**Kay Ojera** - April 21, 2022 at 05:49 PM

LH

*I have fond memories of Sarah from our Waterpik days. I was so sad  
when her position was eliminated as everyone loved her voice on that  
intercom! She was always such a kind and sweet lady. My deepest  
sympathy to all her family and loved ones. Rest in peace, Sarah!*

*Linda Hansen, Fort Collins*

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**Linda Hansen** - April 22, 2022 at 08:51 AM

JH

*My deepest sympathies on the loss of a wonderful woman. I've know  
Sarah for quite some time having grown up with the Stever kids as well  
as working with Sarah at Water Pik. We had many fun times and  
laughs together. She was one of a kind and will be missed by so many.  
My love and hugs go out to you all*

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**Jill Hammond-Schaake** - April 22, 2022 at 04:10 PM

GB

*Many of the previous tributes to Sarah have already mentioned all the positive characteristics of her, so I won't repeat those, but literally being the first face of Water Pik, whether you walked in the front door or called in person (before direct dial lines), she provided such an impactful and welcoming experience. Whether you were a fellow employee, a visitor, a vendor, or even in rare cases, a concerned customer, Sarah always knew the right words to say and how to convey them in a most positive way. Her time at Water Pik certainly contributed to the experience of many of us who worked with her for such a long time. Greg Bruny. .*

Greg Bruny - April 25, 2022 at 11:08 PM

MF

*Sarah on the switchboard was 15 steps away from my office. Many times a day when I needed little break I would just walk up there and talk to her. Listen to her answering the phone and then she would chat with me. As my mother lived many states away she always gave me such great advice and made me feel loved. For 17 years we did that and she really was like a second mother to me. She taught me so much about kindness, compassion, And seeing that everybody had a different viewpoint and it wasn't always mine. She was one of the most impactful, bright, smart beautiful women I've ever known. I will miss her and I know that God is now holding her in His arms and she is answering His telephone when I call. Ring, ring Sarah. Margo Fickenscher*

Margo Fickenscher - April 27, 2022 at 09:46 PM

KB

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Kristin Bohlender - April 20, 2022 at 06:13 PM