



Virginia Elaine Waag

April 8, 1935 - August 1, 2011

Virginia Elaine Waag, 76, of rural Fort Collins passed away August 1, 2011 at Pathways Hospice in Loveland. "Elaine" was born on April 8, 1935 in Denver. She was the daughter of Frank and Frieda Johnson of Fort Collins. Elaine Johnson married LeRoy Waag on March 18, 1952. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in March. She lived in Vista, California for two years while her husband was in the U.S. Marine Corp. In 1954 she returned to Fort Collins to operate the family farms east of town. Elaine worked side by side with LeRoy on the farm, irrigating crops, truck and tractor driving, and tending livestock. She also raised three children, gardened, volunteered at school, and cooked fabulous meals for family, friends, and employees. During harvests, field workers enjoyed and appreciated the food she provided. In the winter months Elaine traveled to Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and numerous states. She enjoyed dancing, volleyball, sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlework, playing cards, watching the Broncos, attending her grandchildren's sporting events, and family gatherings. Elaine's heart and hands were never idle. Elaine is survived by her husband, LeRoy Waag of Fort Collins; daughter, Cheryl Zimmerman of Greeley; daughter, Sue Herkstroeter and husband, Ron of Fort Collins; and son, Darrell Waag of Fort Collins. She has eight grandchildren, Matt, Jessica, and Nicholas Zimmerman of Greeley; Katlyn and Kolter Herkstroeter of Fort Collins; and Alexander, Dustin, and Garrett Waag of Fort Collins. Elaine also has three great-grandchildren, Max Zimmerman, Jayde Zimmerman, and Elisabeth Elaine

Waag. She was preceded in death by her great-grandson, Tyler Zimmerman. The family would like to thank all of Elaine's physicians, nurses, care-givers, therapists, friends, and neighbors who helped during the time of her illness. Memorial contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Private services will be held.

Tribute Wall

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“ Grandma.... I love you so much and miss you dearly! I will never forget the great times we had together when I would come stay with you and Grandpa. You cared and loved everyone you met. I love you grandma and will see you again in heaven.



Nicholas Zimmerman - March 08 at 05:35 PM

BB

“ LeRoy: I am very sorry for your loss and regret that I did not get to know your wife Elaine. I'm sure it is a great comfort to have raised such a wonderful family together, and wish you all the best.

Brent Bartlett - August 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Leroy & Elaine have been very good friends of my parents Earl & Mary Kerbel. We lost our Mother last year and Leroy & Elaine were always ready to step in when our Dad needed help. Our whole family sends our condolences and express our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mother.

Vickie Kerbel-Anderson - August 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ LeRoy and family, Very sorry for your loss, Elaine was part of the greatest generation. I know you have the fondest memories of her I will always remeber her for her work ethic and dedication to her family. Greg and Gwen Feit

Greg Feit - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM