



Wilma Ashbaugh

June 6, 2009

Wilma Lucille Hunter Ashbaugh, 98, of Fort Collins entered Eternal life on June 6, 2009. She was born on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1911 in Page, NE to Hugh Harold and Emma Jane Fellers Hunter. The family lived in Page, Wall, SD, Upton, WY, Fort Morgan, CO and moved to Fort Collins in 1924. Wilma graduated from Fort Collins High School in 1929 with the first class to go all four years at the new Fort Collins High School. In 1959, she graduated from Colorado State University. Wilma was a school teacher, starting her career at Meadow Hollow School west of Berthoud when she was 19 years old. She taught in several one room schools throughout Colorado before she was married. The last 16 years of her teaching career were at Berthoud Elementary. In 1939, she accepted a teaching position at Buckingham, Colorado where she met the love of her life, Roy Morton Ashbaugh. They married on May 19, 1940 in Fort Collins in her parent's back yard. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Fort Collins for 85 years. She is survived by her brothers; Kenneth L. Hunter wife, Jean of Cottonwood AZ, and Rev. Robert E. Hunter wife, Anne of Lakewood, CO; daughter, Rosalie Ashbaugh and son, Eldon wife, Janella Ashbaugh of Fort Collins; granddaughters, Amy Grant of Longmont, Mindy Sigg of Westminster, grandsons, Jordan and Adam Ashbaugh; great-grandchildren, Austin, Parker, Chance, Dakota and Bailey; four nieces and eight nephews. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy 1949; brothers, George and Leland Hunter; sister, Phyllis Butler; infant son, Alvin; and great-grandson, Zachary. A

Memorial Service will be held on June 25, at 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., Fort Collins, CO 80524. Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church at the above address. Cremation has taken place. Burial will be at a later date.

Tribute Wall

NH

“ Aunt Wilma was so special to me. The last time I saw her was at her 90th birthday party and she was a true matriarch of the Hunter family. She was so very thoughtful to me as I was growing up as she would send me a birthday card every year. She also sent many pictures and stories of my Dad, her brother, George H. Hunter, and made sure I was included in any news about the family. Now the past many years Rosalie has taken on that role and is also much loved for it as well. I will miss Aunt Wilma but know that now she is with so many that have gone before her and I know I will see her again.

Nancy Hunter-Prill - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

She was my 4th grade teacher in 1967, I remember her well, that class picture hangs today, 2026, in my bedroom. Kind and understanding to my very personal problems🙏

David Hagel - May 02 at 07:46 PM

AD

“ Thank you for always remembering my birthday, aunt Wilma. You live such a long life and must have seen such remarkable transformations during that time. Your consistency and thoughtfulness were gifts to us. Thank you! I hope your passing was gentle. With joy and celebration for a long life lived- Adrienne Lutschg

Adrienne - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ We will miss our neighbor. Peace to you. Randy, Heather, Evan and Cade.

Heather Lahdenpera - July 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Sorry about the oranges Grandma. Do Not Stand at My Grave Do not stand at my grave and weep, I am not there, I do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glint on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle Autumn rain, I am the shining star at night, When you awake to the morning light. My time has come, I am at rest, I am the sunset in the West, I am the clouds that race above, Where I watch over those that I love. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die, So hear the words that here I say, I am the love that guides your way.

Amy Grant - July 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Auntie Wilma was so very special! As the matriarch of the Hunter family, she will be missed by everyone who had the opportunity to know her and love her as we did. I will always cherish the wonderful visit I, my sister Linda, and brother Gil and his family enjoyed with Wilma the weekend after her 98th birthday - less than 2 months before her death. Her body tired easily, but her mind did not! She still had that wonderfully dry sense of humor and sharp wit. And she was still very much my mother's big sister! Please accept our condolences and loving memories.

Joan Thye - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Rosalie & family, Wilma would always greet me every Sunday at church and was always smiling and happy. I knew her for so many years that I cannot remember how long ago I actually met her....probably at least 40 years ago. I am so sorry for your loss, and having lost my mom on June 17th, I know how you will treasure your memories with her as I will treasure mine. Please accept my condolences.

Debbie Dixon - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We watched you slip away. It was hard to watch but we knew where you were going, a promise from our Lord, a place where there is no struggle or pain. Now we live with the memories of the way you lived your life, the way you cared for us, the things you taught us. Thanks for the memories, Mom, Grandma, GG, Auntie, Sister, Cousin, Friend. Until we meet again

Rosalie & family - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ We loved her and we love each of you.

Linda and Dan Pavey - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ At family gatherings, if someone couldn't be there or if there was an illness or a cause for celebration, Aunt Wilma was the one who got out the construction paper, scissors, glue and pens to create a card for everyone to sign. We will always remember her as a special caring aunt who had a way of making everyone, especially children, feel valued. Family gatherings will never be the same without her there, and we will miss her loving presence.

Carl Roedel and Diana Mantey - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I remember my "Great Aunt Wilma" from our family reunions when I was growing up. Always enjoyed coming to Colorado during those times. She is loved, and her family is in my prayers.

Eric, Jodi, and Kelby Pavey - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Wilma Ashbaugh

Mindy Sigg - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Aunt Wilma was a very special Aunt. She always remembered birthdays and special events related to my family. We remember her with such fondness. Our love, thoughts and prayers to her family.

Bob and Charlotte Hron - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Your mom shared wonderful stories, clear to the end.

Laura & Gloria Owen - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Rest in peace. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Dean Hron - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I am Wilma's niece. My father was her late husband's brother, Norman Ashbaugh. There are so many wonderful memories that I have of her, but one that I remember with fondness was one day that I spent with her when I came to Colorado for a job interview. I stopped by to see her in Fort Collins and we drove up into the mountains she knew that I loved going there, near Redfern where she had taught at one time. This time was special because she talked about Uncle Roy, who I knew very little about, and their life together. I will always remember that day and I will miss her very much.

Barbara Barbie Ashbaugh - June 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM