



Wilma M. Ball

August 18, 1917 - June 16, 2015

Wilma Ball (97) passed away June 16. She was born in 1917 at The Willows in Kansas City, MO, where Clinton and Adeline Yocum of IL adopted her. Wilma graduated from high school in Bushnell, IL in 1935 and married John Ball in 1937. The family lived in IL and MN before moving to Ft. Collins in 1945.

Wilma was active in Cub Scouting, Camp Fire Girls, Mountain View Extension Club, and Toast Mistress club. She was employed at Poudre High School food services for 14 years. Her love of music led to membership in Mountain View Chorus, First Methodist Chorus, Music Club and Music Club Chorus.

She was preceded in death by Clinton Yocum (father), Georgia (infant daughter), John Sr. (husband) and son Clinton (Joe).

Surviving family are John Jr. of Ft. Collins, Karen Lake (Arvie) of Tucson, niece: Lynn Stone of TX, daughter in-law: Connie Ball of WI, granddaughters: Kirsten Lake of Tucson, Adrienne Lake of TX, Nikki Toughill (Mike) of IL, Abby Fojtik (Aaron) of VA, Rachel Tobin (Mark) of WI and Benni her canine companion.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The First United Methodist Church, 1005 Stover St., at 3 PM on Monday June 29, 2015. Supper will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Pathways Hospice, The Food Bank or Long Hopes Donkey Shelter (www.longhopes.org).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **29**. 3:00 PM (MT)

First United Methodist Church
1005 Stover St.
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I had searched many years for you and am saddened to have found out you have passed. It sounds that your life was wonderful and filled with many loving family members. My prayers are sent out to your family and may they know, someone has been searching for you for a very long time.

Debbie Hill - July 01, 2015 at 01:33 AM

KL

Debbie Hill, would you please contact Karen Ball Lake, (520) 749-9160 or karenchicago60010@yahoo.com

Karen Ball Lake - June 14, 2019 at 04:41 PM

MS

“ Our Slagle family moved in across the street from the Ball family in 1956. Until 2003 when our family home sold, the families were neighbors. That's a lot of years by today's standards. Although I myself have not lived in Fort Collins in over 40 years, I have stayed in touch with Wilma through Christmas cards, birthday cards, and an occasional visit while in FC to see my family. Even at 97 years old she remembered me with a Christmas card and handwritten note this past December. How amazing and appreciated! I will cherish that card for many years to come.

Wilma was a special person with ever twinkling eyes and a ready smile. She had the ability to make each person she greeted feel special - even those she was just meeting.

The Ball family were great neighbors Wilma watched out for my Dad once he was alone at the house and would take him baked goodies - something made from the apples or rhubarb from our place. Dad usually told me when she brought him something for his sweet tooth.

She will be missed by many. For me going "home" just isn't quite the same. Many of the GREAT generation are not there anymore. Farewell, Wilma....

Mary Ann Slagle-Poteet

Mary Ann Slagle-Poteet - June 29, 2015 at 03:36 PM

CS

“ Wilma was one of the sweetest women I have known. Participating in Extension Homemakers activities an learning all she could. I will remember her spirit an twinkle in her eye's !

Carol J. Schultz
Extension Agent CSU / Larimer County
Family an Consumer Science

Carol Schultz - June 25, 2015 at 09:09 AM

WC

“ Wilma will be greatly missed! This is Wendy Van Cleave, the Daughter of Freddie Van Cleave and Sister of Colby Van Cleave. Our dear Mother, Freddie, passed away on June 30, 2014 (last year) and absolutely loved being a close neighbor to, Wilma. Freddie and Bill Van Cleave built their home on N. Taft Hill Rd. in 1953 and they were friends with Wima for many, many glorious years. Wilma & Freddie also attended several clubs, together, enjoying each others laughter (Wilma was one of the happiest ladies we ever knew - with a ready smile and a cheer and greeting for everyone around her). I grew up walking to Poudre High School from our house and passing Wilma's home along the way. Some days she'd be at her mailbox and we'd say "hi, how's it going". During these latter years I would see Wilma at King Soopers grocery store - long into her 90's and getting her own groceries. What a special, special lady.

From my family (The Van Cleave's) to your family, we are sorry for your loss, but we are very grateful to have known, Wilma, and have many, many wonderful memories.

Sincerely,

Wendy Van Cleave

Wendy Van Cleave - June 23, 2015 at 12:00 PM