



## Yvonne Marie Wittreich

July 10, 1942 - March 9, 2022

Yvonne Marie Wittreich passed away peacefully at home on March 9, 2022. She was 79.

She was born in Marienthal, Kansas, in 1942, to William and Helen (Kreutzer) Betlach, the youngest of six children. She graduated from Leoti High School in 1959 and steadfastly worked her way through college, graduating from Fort Hays State University in 1964 with a degree in education and a minor in physical education. She later earned her Doctorate of Education from UNC in 1983, while working full-time and raising her young daughter.

After several years teaching in rural Kansas schools, Yvonne and her husband Ken came to Fort Collins on their honeymoon and moved here in 1968. A dedicated teacher, she treated students as individuals and loved them like her own. She worked as an administrative assistant at Cache La Poudre Elementary for several years, while also serving as lead Title I reading teacher at the school. She had a strong work ethic and a daily commitment to helping make CLPE an outstanding school. Yvonne was an educational leader and later used her skills and talents as director for Poudre School District's Title I reading program, serving as a strong advocate for teachers and students in all of the district's Title I schools. Often with her daughter in tow, she was always working on a new grant or program to reach those ends.

Yvonne loved athletics. In the 70s and 80s she pitched in softball leagues all over Fort Collins. Later her energy turned to tennis and pickleball and golf. She was an avid and skilled golfer. Always energetic, she used her

organizational and leadership skills in various community involvement projects and committees. She had a strong belief in her faith and in people. She was devout and fierce, standing up for others and for what she felt was right.

Yvonne will be remembered as a generous, encouraging, and loyal friend, and as a playful grandmother.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents, and her siblings William, Connie, Twila, and Ruth.

She is survived by her husband and best friend of 52 years, Ken, daughter Kendra and son-in-law Peter Johnson, granddaughters Mia and Leila, sister Juanita Simonds of Grand Island, NE, and several nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind many close friends.

Visitation and Recitation of the Rosary will be held on March 17 at 6:30 at Bohlander Chapel. A Mass will be held at St. John XXIII Church on Friday, March 18 at 10:00. Memorial contributions may be made to the PSD McKinney-Vento Fund to assist students experiencing homelessness in Poudre School District, c/o Whitney Reid, PSD JSSC, 2407 LaPorte Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80521 or online.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 17. 6:30 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524

## Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

Saint John XXIII Catholic Church  
1220 University Ave.  
Fort Collins, 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Yvonne Marie Wittreich*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - March 17, 2022 at 07:13 PM

PA

“ *Yvonne was a friend and Customer to both me & my father over the last 45 years in business. Always a kind heart , always willing to share words of wisdom. My thoughts & prayers to the family. A marvelous person.*

*Respectfully  
Paul Rulon*

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**Paul** - June 09, 2022 at 11:07 AM

GC

“ *Yvonne was such a go getter and great friend. She was a wonderful Title1 coordinator and encouraged each teacher, child, and parent. She was so full of energy. She made such a positive impact in Poudre School District. She will be missed.*

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**Ginny Conahan** - March 16, 2022 at 07:32 PM

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“ Jane Berg & Tom McCormack (Marriott) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Yvonne Marie Wittreich.



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**Jane Berg & Tom McCormack (Marriott)** - March 14, 2022 at 04:05 PM

SS

“ Yvonne, I will miss playing golf at the FCCC with you. As one time President of Womens GOLF association, she was an excellent player always ready to take a woman under her wing to practice or teach. She always had a well coordinated outfit and smile. I will miss her. Best, Sharyn H. Salmen



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**sharyn salmen** - March 12, 2022 at 10:37 AM

BA

“ Yvonne was one of my mom’s dearest friends. She was more like family. Yvonne and my mom were teachers together in Poudre School District. My mom, Florence Motto, and Yvonne’s husband, Ken, both were teachers at Washington school, now known as the CSU Early Childhood Center. I will always remember meeting Yvonne for breakfast with my mom. We certainly enjoyed our time together. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. We love you Yvonne!  
Sincerely, Bernadine Anderson

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**Bernadine Anderson** - March 11, 2022 at 07:09 PM

JB

*So sorry to hear of her passing. She was a delightful woman and and always a pleasure to spend time with. FORE!*

Jody Benzel - March 13, 2022 at 01:26 AM

LA

*Sorry to hear of the passing of your wife Yvonne. My wife and I will pray for the repose of her soul. It's been many years since we communicated. Yours in St. Francis ....Lou Alba*

louis alba - March 14, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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*Our heart felt condolences to you and family.*

*Ken and Diane, St. Augustine*

Ken and Diane Kaschok - March 15, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Yvonne Marie Wittreich.*



March 11, 2022 at 06:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Yvonne Marie Wittreich.*



March 11, 2022 at 03:56 PM