



Judith Ann Mikelson

June 22, 1938 - April 29, 2018

Judy Mikelson, loving wife, amazing mother and incredible grandmother passed into the Lord's hands on April 30, 2018. Judy was born in Denver, Colorado on June 22, 1938 to parents Warren and Louise Christensen. She was raised in her early years, along with younger brother Frank, on the Dakan Ranch, her maternal family's homestead and ranch in the West Plum Creek valley. The family relocated to Castle Rock in 1951. She attended first grade in Littleton, Colorado, then continued her education at Castle Rock Elementary, Douglas County High School and the University of Colorado.

Judy was active within the Douglas County community. In her youth she participated in 4-H for ten years and was the Worthy Advisor of the Castle Rock Chapter of the International Order of Rainbow Girls. In adulthood she and Dale were involved in local and state politics, and Judy was a Vice-President of the Colorado Young Republicans. Judy and Dale also sponsored and managed numerous local youth rodeos. Judy followed in the footsteps of her mother Louise and became an involved congregation member of St. Philips-In-The-Field Episcopal Church, Sedalia, CO. In the last half of her life, she also took on the role of family archivist, genealogist and historian.

Engaged on the day of her high school graduation in May of 1956, she married her high school sweetheart, Dale Mikelson of Castle Rock, on June 22, 1957. Dale and Judy were blessed with four children – Mike, Mindy, Quinn and Rana. She and Dale built a family home east of Castle Rock on the Albert Mikelson ranch and farm. A stalwart partner to Dale and all-present mother, Judy became a farmer and ranch hand and worked with her children to operate the family ranch and farm raising Hereford cattle and winter wheat while Dale worked as an aerospace engineer at Martin Marietta. With her children involved in 4-H, Little Britches and High School Rodeos, Judy also became a hauler of children, livestock and horses to various shows and rodeos over many years. Judy was a second "mom" to many of her kids' school and rodeo friends, and no child in need of a piece of chocolate cake, a meal, or a bed to rest upon was turned away.

Ever devoted to Dale, she traveled with him to Washington DC for work, and to a multitude of rodeos and cutting horse events. Dale and Judy also traveled to Germany, Norway, Australia and New Zealand. Together, they lived a life as partners, lovers, and friends. Judy excelled as a loving grandmother and great grandmother and was a model of

goodness and strength for her family through her actions and deeds. She was known for her welcoming smile, warm hugs and kisses, her kind and learned words of advice, her constant and unconditional love, and her quiet and all-encompassing support when help or counsel was needed.

Plagued by the pain of persistent rheumatoid arthritis in the latter half of her life, Judy demonstrated amazing inner strength and determination; one never heard her complain, one always was blessed by her warm smile, and throughout each day she pursued the beauty and rewards of life.

Judy is survived by her loving husband Dale, her brother Frank (Robbie) Christensen, her children Mike (Erika) Mikelson, Mindy (Rob) Sellers, Quinn Mikelson, Rana (Robert) Schuster; by her grandchildren Bob Kirby, Michael (Stefanie) Kirby, Cora (Hunter) Hebert, Kaylyn Kirby, Miles (Sara) Schuster, Mallory (Josh) Dominoski, Hannah Mikelson, Lauren Mikelson and Melany Mikelson; and great grandchildren Jayden, Charlotte, Kinsey, Gigi and Sterling.

There was never a person, woman, friend, wife, mother or grandmother loved more than Judy, and she returned an equal love to all. She devoted her life to all things family, and she will be greatly missed.

Private family services will held May 12, 2018 at 11am at St. Philip-In-The-Field Episcopal Church, Sedalia, CO. A Celebration of Live event will be held for her friends and family in mid June. Location and time to be announced soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be given in her name to the Saint Philip in the Field Episcopal Church (<http://www.stphilipinthefield.org>) or the Salvation Army (<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org>).

Comments



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Leslie (Secord) gibson - May 02, 2018 at 07:24 AM