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Mary Consuelo Leonela (Atencio) Strohm of Denver, Colorado, known to family and friends as Connie, peacefully passed from this life on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the age of 80. She had battled Lupus for over 30 years and had recently succumbed to kidney failure and other health problems. She was preceded in death by her parents Adolph and Genevieve Atencio.

Connie was born on a farm in Huerfano County, CO in 1940. Her parents moved to Denver in 1943 with Connie and her younger brother Adolph. The family lived on Downing Street in a rented house that had an electric trolley out front that passed by throughout the day. Her dad worked as a wool puller in support of the war effort and the family grew, making Connie the oldest of six children, which now included three girls and three boys.

Connie graduated from West High School in Denver, CO in 1959 and worked as a Navy typist in Washington D.C. After a year, she moved back to Denver and was married to Merle Strohm from 1960-1971, and they had four daughters. She worked for the General Services Administration at the Denver Federal Center from the late 60's through 1975 when she and her daughters moved to the New Bethany Home for Girls in Arcadia, LA. Connie's girls attended the NB school, and she worked in the kitchen and helped out wherever she was needed from 1975-1979. Her years at New Bethany firmly established her faith in God, and she made some wonderful life-long friends. In 1979, she moved back to Denver and resumed a career with GSA until her early retirement in 1991 due to complications with Lupus.

She is survived by her four daughters for whom she selflessly dedicated her life: Jackie Kay, Sandy Davis, Jeanette Anderson and Sheryl Strohm, and her sons-in-law Peter Kay, Gregg Davis, Mark Anderson, and John Fleming. She was also blessed with five grandchildren who brought her much joy: Jerrod Kay, Grant and Kenna Davis, Alex and Max Anderson.

Connie is survived by her siblings and their spouses: Adolph and Susan Atencio, George and Dianne Atencio, Barbara and Don Mandonado, Viola and Jose Garcia, and John and Lourdes Atencio. Her parents and siblings were a great source of strength, love, and stability. They provided a support system and safety net that helped her as a single mother to raise four independent, headstrong girls. As grown women, her daughters recognize the sacrifices she made in her own life to provide and care for them, and the unconditional love of their mother's heart. Through her example, she taught them to be strong in the face of adversity, to move forward no matter how tough life gets, to work hard, and to always love and care for each other.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Denver Hospice at thedenverhospice.org/giving/give-donate

There will be a graveside service for Connie at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery on Thursday, October 8th at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

12801 West 44th Ave

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

We ask for your consideration to socially distance during the service. A few chairs will be provided, but you may bring your own.

Reception:

Davis Home

14599 W. Columbia Place

Lakewood, CO 80228

Cemetery

Mount Olivet Cemetery
12801 W. 44th Ave
Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033

Events

OCT 8 Graveside Service 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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12801 W. 44th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO, US, 80033

Comments



“ Brenda Gallegos Soria lit a candle in memory of Mary Connie Strohm



Brenda Gallegos Soria - October 07, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Connie Strohm.



October 07, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ We were so blessed to be a part of Connie's extended family sharing many special family celebrations and gatherings with her. We will miss her and her beautiful smile.
Bob and Lynn Jeffords

Lynn Jeffords - October 05, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Grateful that I had the fortune to share family gatherings with her and I truly respect that she chose the path she did in the face of her illness. What a great story she lived and how comforting to know she was surrounded by loved ones. Vaya con dios, Connie.

Patricia Kirk - October 05, 2020 at 05:13 PM