



Gwendolyn Faye Whitney

March 25, 1939 - May 16, 2022

Gwendolyn Faye (McKie) Whitney died May 16, 2022, at Torrington. Wyoming Community Hospital.

She was born March 25, 1939, at Omaha, Nebraska to Lawrence E. and Lamoine M. (Nelson) McKie. At her request, cremation has occurred and no services are to be held, with private family inurnment of the cremains to be conducted at a later date. Colyer Funeral Home rendered professional services.

Memorials may be directed to Goshen Care Center in Torrington.

She attended four grades of school at Tecumseh, Nebraska and moved to Bayard, Nebraska where she attended country schools and completed her education and graduated from Bayard High School in 1957. She then attended the University of Wyoming and graduated in 1961 with a degree in music education.

She did her Student Teaching in Torrington, Wyoming and taught music in Thermopolis, Wyoming.

She married Keith E. Whitney, June 3, 1962, in Torrington, WY at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church and they resided in Torrington from that time forward. To this marriage two sons were born, Michael Dean and Jeffrey Alan Whitney.

Music was a great passion in Gwen's life. Early in high school at Bayard, NE she became church organist. She accompanied choir and soloists' musicals in High School. While at the University of Wyoming she accompanied the

University production of "The King and I". She accompanied nine consecutive high school musical productions for Torrington High School. She was church organist for the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church for over 14 years and performed Organ-Piano duets with her mother to the enjoyment of those attending.

She taught piano at home. She accompanied students in the classroom for musicals and contests. She accompanied many soloists whether it was for school, church, weddings or funerals. She tackled difficult musical scores with preparation, organization and performance for her musical endeavors.

She organized the first English Hand bell Choir in Torrington, WY coordinating the skills of area ringers and attended workshops throughout the region in an effort to pass on learned skills to the ringers known as "The Rhythmic Ringers".

She was a member of the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church of Torrington, WY, AAUW, Friends of Music, Honored Queen of Job's Daughters, a 50-year member of Eastern Star and was named as one of America's Outstanding Young Women. While at the University of Wyoming she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority, Tau Beta Sigma as well as a music fraternity.

She is survived by her husband, of 59 years, son Michael Dean Whitney and his children Brittany, Joshua, Jayden and Gabrielle, his Grand-daughter Adelyne Isle Klunder; and son Jeffrey Alan Whitney's children Blake, Brandon and Bryce, nieces. Elizabeth Stafford and Catherine LaValley.

Preceding her in death were her parents, son Jeffrey Alan Whitney and her sister, JoDene McKie

Tribute Wall

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“ *Julene Asmus lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney*



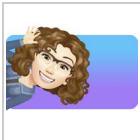
Julene Asmus - June 03, 2022 at 04:45 PM

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“ *We send our sincere condolences to Keith & families. Gwen’s music involvement was enjoyed many times throughout the years. Visits during baseball games & working together in the “cook” shake. Those hamburgers & curly fries keep the baseball program going. Thank you to her family for all she did for our community. Howard & Karin Eisenhauer*



Karin Eisenhauer - May 18, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Ginger Barthel lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney*



Ginger Barthel - May 18, 2022 at 02:20 PM

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“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney



Sue Davis - May 18, 2022 at 09:52 AM

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“ Royce And Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney



Royce and Carolyn Nelson - May 18, 2022 at 08:54 AM

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“ Kristy Weglin lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney



Kristy Weglin - May 17, 2022 at 04:29 PM

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“ Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Gwendolyn Faye Whitney



Theil Ryan - May 17, 2022 at 03:32 PM

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“ *CarolPeterson lit a candle in memory of
Gwendolyn Faye Whitney*



CarolPeterson - May 17, 2022 at 02:56 PM