



Kathryn Kirchner

May 2, 1933 - August 11, 2013

A funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated for KATHRYN KIRCHNER, 80, on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 11:00am at the St. Rose Catholic Church with Rev. Father Ray Moss officiating. A Wake/Rosary service will be held on Wednesday evening at 7pm at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Rollie Raboin officiating. Kathryn died on Sunday, August 11 at the Goshen Care Center. Visitation hours will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 14th from 2pm thru the Rosary. The casket will be closed at the funeral Mass. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com

Kathryn was born on May 2, 1933 in Torrington, Wyoming the daughter of Joe and Leona (Rooney) McManaman. She grew up on a ranch north of Torrington where she attended the Burge Country School. She went on to attend high school at St. Agnes Academy in Alliance, Nebraska where she graduated in 1951.

Kathryn married Robert Lee "Buck" Kirchner on June 3, 1952 and the couple made their home in Yoder and Torrington Wyoming until 1970 when they moved to Pueblo, Colorado where Buck was employed with C F & I mines. They lived in Colorado until Buck's death in 1987 and in 1988 Kathryn returned to Torrington. During her life time she worked at Wigwam Bakery,

Torrington sales barns, Colorado sale barns, and at Goddard Stores (Ben Franklin).

Kathryn loved time with family and friends and her home was always open to all who “dropped by”. She enjoyed playing cards, singing, and yard work.

In the spring of 2003, during a trip to Arizona, Kathryn suffered a stroke which changed her life dramatically. It took most of her speech and mobility - but never her spirit. She worked hard and with a lot of help from everyone, especially daughter-in-law, Sally, Kathryn found a new way of life - still inspiring those around her. In 2011 she began yet another life change when she moved into the Goshen Care Center where her health continued to decline but she continued to amaze everyone by her “bouncing back” character. But finally her race was “run and won” and she rests in the arms of the Jesus she loved so much.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Marie Eaton of Torrington; three sons and daughters-in-law, James Lee (Jan) Kirchner of Pueblo, CO; Michael William (Sally) Kirchner of Torrington, and Kent Alan (Paula) Kirchner of Pueblo, CO; 9 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; a brother Leo McManaman and a sister Martina McManaman She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son-in-law, David Eaton.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (MT)

St. Rose Catholic Church
605 E. 22nd Avenue
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5556

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I remember many happy times with Kathryn and Buck Kirchner when they lived in Pueblo and we all worshipped at St. Anthony Community. I have missed not seeing her often through the years. May she rest in the peace of Christ whose disciple she was and did well. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Chris Armstrong

Christine Armstrong - August 15, 2013 at 07:12 PM

MS

“ I was a night CNA from 9-11 to 10-12 on 200 hall. Kathryn was one of my favorite residents. We hit it off as we both knew "ranching life" and could relate to each other. I would tease her about all the cowboys in Wranglers. Oh she would get embarrassed. But some days she would "lecture" on things that she thought was very important to her. And I listened. She was a wonderful person for me to take care of. I am honored I could know her.

Marilyn Sturgeon - August 15, 2013 at 06:50 PM

DM

“ So sorry we are unable to make it in person ..spent the last couple nights searching for these few fond memories of aunt K and happy to be able to share em with everybody.

<http://www.mwmediaservices.com/DM/auntK/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

David, Jen, Alexander

Davie Morehead - August 15, 2013 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ *Donna Colantonio lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Donna Colantonio - August 14, 2013 at 10:44 PM

DM

“ *David, Jennifer and Alex Morehead purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kathryn Kirchner.*



David, Jennifer and Alex Morehead - August 14, 2013 at 09:35 PM

MT

“ *MARY & T lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



MARY & T - August 14, 2013 at 01:46 PM

DW

“ *Debi Weickum lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Debi Weickum - August 13, 2013 at 03:12 PM

PB

“ *Pat Brown lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Pat Brown - August 13, 2013 at 09:18 AM

PB

God rewards those who love Him

Pat Brown - August 13, 2013 at 09:19 AM

CM

“ *A truly wonderful and thoughtful woman and i will miss her always.*



carol munger - August 13, 2013 at 06:27 AM

KN

“ *Kristi Nissen lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Kristi Nissen - August 12, 2013 at 08:53 PM

KF

“ *Krist Nissen and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Kathryn Kirchner.*



Krist Nissen and family - August 12, 2013 at 08:52 PM

KN

“ *Aunt Kathy...you are in my heart forever and always. I love you. You were an amazing woman and the love you had in your heart was amazing! Even after your first stroke you still sang! To me that shows that the heart survives! I personally experienced your kindness in some difficult times and will forever be saying Thank You!! Love to your family!! Your loving God Daughter...*

Kristi Nissen - August 12, 2013 at 08:47 PM

KK

“ *May you know what a dear lady Kathy was!! She and Buck are reunited and dancing away!!*

Kellie Kirchner - August 12, 2013 at 06:32 PM

KK

“ *Kellie Kirchner lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Kellie Kirchner - August 12, 2013 at 06:30 PM

JK

“ *Jim Kirchner lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



jim kirchner - August 12, 2013 at 06:28 PM

JH

“ *Janet Hinkley lit a candle in memory of Kathryn Kirchner*



Janet Hinkley - August 12, 2013 at 01:49 PM

JH

Mike and Sally,

So sorry to hear about your mom. She truly was a very special person who was loved by all who met her!

Janet Hinkley

Janet Hinkley - August 12, 2013 at 01:51 PM