



Lu Sherrill Stahlnecker

October 15, 1938 - May 16, 2018

Lu Sherrill Stahlnecker was born October 15th, 1938 in St. Edward, NE to Nella Couton and Glenn Sherrill. She passed away in Grand Island, NE May 16th, 2018.

Services will be held Sunday, June 17th at 11:00am at Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home in Grand Island, NE. The services will be for both William and Lu.

In Lu's younger years, she lived in various Nebraska communities due to her father's career with Union Pacific railroad. As the eldest of three siblings, she often talked about the time spent on the Couton family farm with her sister, brother and cousins. She was especially fond of summers spent there. In Lu's early 20s, she moved to Grand Island, NE and started working at Skagway as a cashier. It was there she met her husband, William "Bill" Stahlnecker of whom she was married to for over fifty years.

Bill and Lu were married December 28th, 1963 at the Trinity Methodist Church. Soon after, Bill was drafted into the army as a Military Policy Officer and sent to Korea for over a year. During that time, Lu and her daughters (Debra and Kelli) lived with her sister, KoAnn, in Seattle, WA. After Bill returned to Nebraska, they bought a house in Capital Heights subdivision and had a third daughter (Joell). During that period in their lives, Lu worked at Sears and Miller and Paine.

Lu was a voracious reader. She always had a newspaper, book or magazine in her hand and was a frequent visitor to the Grand Island Public Library. Lu had a deep compassion for animals and nurtured many dogs and cats throughout her life. She was artistic and was often complimented on her beautiful handwriting and doodling. Lu was an avid gardener and had a passion for lighthouses. She loved to cook and bake and created many beautiful birthday cakes for her children over the years. Lu enjoyed listening to Garrison Keillor and the "Big Bands" and was a founding member of First Faith United Methodist Church and Women's Faith Circle.

She is survived by her children, Debra Thiem of Colorado, Kelli Swick of Florida and Joell

Blevins of Arizona. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Clark, Taylor, Manya, Shayna, Raiselle, Kelsey and Teagen. In special recognition, she is survived by her best friend and cousin, Shirley Walrath.

She was preceded in death by her husband William, her parents Nella and Glenn, and her siblings KoAnn and Tom.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lu's favorite charities: St Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Humane Society. Online condolences may be directed to <http://www.livson.com>. Livingston-Sondermann Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Comments



“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Tribute Store - June 16, 2018 at 02:05 PM



“ To the family of Lu. I am one of the handlers for L.L.C. Eddie the Comfort Dog here in Grand Island. I visited your Mom and Dad in the care facilities they were at. Following your Mom from one to the other and back again. She was always happy to see Eddie and pet him and we enjoyed many conversations. I was gone out of state for a little while and just found out yesterday when I went to visit her that she had passed away. My sympathy to all of her family. I will miss visiting with her also.

Joan Eliason - June 12, 2018 at 09:08 PM



“ Aunt Lu (Bill was my Dad's brother) was always kind to me, and I have fond memories of summer vacations at her her home when I was a kid. We girls would play, and when we got under her feet she would shoo us off to the swimming pool. She would feed us lunch and summer snacks. One day she made browned hamburger and pork and beans. This is still one of my favorite meals. Call it cowboy beans.

Laurie Davis - May 23, 2018 at 06:57 PM