

Erma Ella Holcomb



Erma "Jimmie" Ella Holcomb of Fort Collins, Colo., formerly of Grinnell, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010, at a Fort Collins nursing home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 15, in United Methodist Church in Fort Collins with the Rev. Rebecca McFee officiating. Interment will be in the Fort Logan National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Poudre Golden K Kiwanis or First United Methodist Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Fort Collins CO 80524. Condolences may be sent to bohlenderfuneralchapel.com.

She was born June 30, 1924, to Benjamin Harrison and Stella Fayer James on the family farm near Montezuma. She attended Hayes Union Township #2 school named for her great grandfather who contributed the land. During high school she was the pianist and a Sunday School teacher at Little Mount Baptist Church in Montezuma. She was a graduate of the American Institute of Business in Des Moines, then selected by the Civil Service to go to Dayton, Ohio, where she met her future husband, Dr. Keith W. Holcomb at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base where he was stationed. They were united in marriage on June 26, 1945, in Lime Springs, Iowa. During World War II, she worked in administration at the Maytag Company.

The Holcombs moved to Fort Collins 52 years ago where she was a real estate broker, a member of First United Methodist Church, Golden K Kiwanis Club and a Certified American Contract Bridge League Teacher.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Daryl Holcomb of Castle Rock, Colo.; one daughter, Ann Sterling of Crystal Lakes, Colo.; her sister Louise McLain of Grinnell; two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, the Rev. Warren L. James, and two sisters Florence Wiley and Arlene Johnson.

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Erma was born to Benjamin Harrison and Stella Fayer James on June 30, 1924, on the family farm near Montezuma. Weather permitting, Erma had the pleasure of riding to her country school on a beautiful, retired race horse, furnished by her grandfather. The school, Hayes Union Township #2, was named after her great-grandfather in honor of his contribution of the land for the school.

During her high school days, Erma was the pianist and a Sunday School teacher at Little Mount Baptist Church in Montezuma.

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The Holcombs moved from Grinnell 52 years ago to Ft. Collins, Colo. Erma was a real estate broker, a member of First United Methodist Church, and the Golden K Kiwanis Club, Golden Girls. She loved to play bridge and was a Certified American Contract Bridge League Teacher.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Keith W. Holcomb; a son, Daryl Holcomb and his wife, Dottie, of Castle Rock, Colo.; one daughter, Ann Sterling, and her husband, Ken of Crystal Lakes, Colo.; Erma's sister, Louise McLain of Grinnell; two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding Erma in death are her parents; a brother, Rev. Warren L. James; and two sisters, Florence Wiley and Arlene Johnston.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church, on Friday, Jan. 15, at 11 a.m. Private interment was held at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colo. Rev. Rebecca McFee officiated at the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to Poudre Golden K Kiwanis or First United Methodist Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524-2831.



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