



## Jacqueline M. Elder

October 27, 1934 - April 21, 2019

Jacqueline Marie Elder, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 in Arizona. She was born October 27, 1934 in Roper, Kansas to Lawrence and Dorothy Cook. She married her childhood sweetheart Tom Elder on June 28, 1953 in Roper, Kansas, and from that moment on became lifelong loving partners in many wonderful adventures.

Her most enjoyable work was the retail clothing business she owned with husband Tom, displaying a wonderful knack for selecting inventory and displaying merchandise. She was a lovely lady and was always dressed perfectly for any occasion. Jackie lived life to the fullest and enjoyed hiking, entertaining, playing bridge, feeding her hummingbirds, and even skydived for her 70th birthday. But more than anything she loved and appreciated her family deeply.

She is survived by cherished husband of 65 years, Tom; brother Joe (Sarah) Cook; daughter Susan (Pete Villaescusa) Elder; daughter-in-law Carol; son Matt (Stacy) Elder; grandchildren Kiersten and Shaun (Jill) Pierpoint; Janessa (Josh Gulvin), Ty, Austin (Sydney), Garrett, and Kayla Elder; great grandchildren Sarah and Joshua Freese. Preceded in death by loved son, Jeff Elder, and sister Sue Cook Collins.

Family, friends, and others whose life she touched are invited to her service May 24th 10:00 at Community Church in Allenspark, Colorado, 16 Washington St, 80510.

# Comments

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“ My thoughts and condolences are with the family at this most difficult time. Jackie was always a great sister and I will miss her style and quick laugh.

One of my earlier memories was when we went on vacation to Yellowstone together and looking out the cabin window at the bears tearing up everyones coolers. We had a great time.

I was pretty young when my dog Mike died and Jackie and Tom showed up with a new dog for me and guess what.....they said that dog was also named Mike. hmmm .. I love and will miss you. Joe

**Joe Cook** - May 23, 2019 at 11:55 AM

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“ We first met Jackie and Tom while Vern worked at Rocky Mountain Transit. We were fortunate to be among their many friends and enjoyed special times with them. We loved "going out" to the Glen Haven Inn, having pizza parties and just enjoying each other's company. They were like no other couple we've known. Their love for one another was truly special, strong and straight from the heart. Jackie was a wonderful wife to Tom and Tom was a great husband to Jackie. It was always a pleasure to be around such a great couple. We loved going to music shows together while in Arizona - a highlight of our "winters". Jackie was an amazing lady. She was so good to the people in her life - so considerate and caring. She was a terrific organizer, lovely hostess and cook, a trend-setter being beautifully dressed for any occasion, positive and full of energy.

We will miss Jackie so much! May God grant peace to Tom and family. You have many happy memories - may these beautiful memories live forever.

Barb & Vern Blue - May 6, 2019.

**Barb & Vern Blue** - May 06, 2019 at 09:06 PM

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“ Visiting Aunt Jackie, Uncle Tommy and our cousins was always an exciting time. I always thought their house in Chanute was a great place and we always had fun. Aunt Jackie was a sweet aunt. She and Tommy put up with us quite often back in those days. It was always exciting to travel around with Uncle Tommy on his Tom's candy route.

So many great memories of the whole family sharing time together and hanging out with Grandpa and Grandma Cook. A remarkable loving lady that will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and condolences go out to her family.

Kevin Collins

Kevin Collins - May 02, 2019 at 07:49 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy at this most difficult time, may peace and comfort come from above. Promises of God's comfort and Hope.. Jesus said.. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies, whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." John Chapter 11

E. Miller - May 01, 2019 at 10:08 AM

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“ It was so sad to hear about Jackie... she was a lovely, accomplished woman who will be missed by all at Rocky Mountain Transit. Condolences to Tom and his family, Dana and Michael Burke

Dana L Burke - April 30, 2019 at 12:14 AM

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“ I so enjoyed working with Jackie at Rocky for many years. A lovely woman who will surely be missed. My heartfelt condolences to Tom and the family.  
Sent from Rome, with love.  
Heather

Heather - April 27, 2019 at 06:27 AM

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“ To Tom and the Elder family: We have known Jackie and Tom for many years, first meeting in Estes Park, Colorado and spending time together in Arizona. We've had many great times and memories with both of them. I'm finding it hard to believe that Jackie is no longer with us. Jackie was a special lady with so many talents. She was a gracious hostess, a wonderful cook, and had a special talent for decorating her home and just knew how to put things together! Jackie loved her family and always spoke highly of her children and especially her grandchildren. Jackie and I had a great time when we were together and we will miss her. Tom and Jackie had a great love and respect for one another and we have heard about the childhood sweethearts more than once! We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless and may He bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time. Love, Vern and Mary Jackson

Vern and Mary Jackson - April 25, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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“ Bye Mom. Even though it's only been a few short days, I can't think of my life without you in it. You were the most beautiful, strong, cheerful woman I knew and I know you knew how much I loved you. You taught me so much and have given me so many wonderful memories to carry with me.

- The way you loved and adored Dad,
- How to cook (though your cooking could never be beaten and I wasn't able to master your pie crust and rolls),
- The way you treasured times when the family got together,
- Your joy in entertaining (especially family during the holidays), We have so many Elder traditions and recipes that will live on forever,
- Your soft touch and hugs,
- Talking with you and the sound of your kind voice (even if you said I talked too much),
- The way you protected and cared for your children.

You may have left but as long as the sun shines...the wind blows...the rain falls...you are not gone and will be always on my mind and forever in my heart.

Susan

Susan Villaescusa - April 25, 2019 at 01:29 PM

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**Susan Villaescusa** - April 25, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Tom, God bless you and your family! All of us that had the privilege of being around you and Jackie witnessed something very special! You were always there for her and she for you. Pam and I were not around Jackie that much but we both saw that very wonderful LOVE! She will ALWAYS be with you all. I will close with this, Be sad she is gone but be glad she was here! David and Pam Armstrong

**David and Pam Armstrong** - April 28, 2019 at 08:42 AM



“ Tom, God bless you and your family! All of us that were around you and Jackie witnessed something very special. Pam and I were not around Jackie that often but we saw that wonderful LOVE that the two of you shared! My memory of her will always be that of a gracious and polite lady. I will close with this, Be sad she is gone but be glad she was here! David and Pam

**David Armstrong** - April 28, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ So many memories flash through our minds at times like this. The camping trips, Sunday's at Grandma and Grandpa's, 4-H, and much more. The ones I like to think of happened before we kids were born. Just imagine having one pair of skates and sharing with your sister, each with one skate on going in circles in the hayloft. Or herding turkeys into another hayloft so they wouldn't drown as the river rose. Aunt Jackie begged to have her own room, away from Mom. They spent all day fixing up a room across the hall upstairs in the old farm house (kind of creepy), and spending the next day moving her back. Pixie hair Norma Sue and little, cute Jackie. I miss them both and hope they have found one another again. Love you all.

**Kathi Hudson** - April 29, 2019 at 03:08 PM