



Beatrice "Bea" May Francis

June 11, 1934 - May 6, 2020

Beatrice "Bea" May Francis, 85, of Cheyenne passed away after a long illness at Life Care of Cheyenne.

She was born on June 11, 1934 in Waterbury, CT to Dorothy and Albert Sheldon.

Bea had a full wonderful life growing up on the East coast and enjoying many trips to the ocean with her family. She graduated from Crosby High School in 1952. After getting married in 1954 she traveled extensively as an Air Force wife and was in Puerto Rico during the Cuban Missile Crisis, which was an interesting time to say the least. She had a rewarding career as a telephone operator and relocated to several places with her job. She finally settled down in Cheyenne after her retirement and spent the rest of her life there.

Bea is survived by three children, sons, Hoke (Lewis) Francis and Richard (Rich) Francis, and daughter Martha (Marty) Young and her husband Stephen (Steve) Young, four grandchildren, Steve and Tiffany Young, and Denise and Jonas Ostmeyer; and three great grandchildren, Alex and Joci Young, and Hunter Ostmeyer; she is also survived by her sister-in-law, Faye Sheldon, and several nieces and nephews.

Bea is preceded in death by her parents; Dorothy and Albert Sheldon; three brothers, Albert, Robert, and Lawrence Sheldon; and a sister, Gloria St. Pierre.

Bea was also preceded in death by her long time significant-other Donald Root.

Bea wished to express her love and deepest gratitude to her family and friends who were a part of her life.

At her request there will be a Celebration of Life services at a later date.

Cemetery

Cheyenne Memorial Gardens

4701 Christenson Rd.

Cheyenne, WY, 82009

Comments



“ Sorry for your loss. I knew your family at Altus AFB in the 60's. Best friends with Richard. Had lost contact with him but had been in email contact with Bea for many years but hadn't heard from her in years. She used to update me on Hoke., Richard, and Marty. I updated her on my mom and dad.

Richard Watson - July 13 at 02:34 AM



“ Wonderful woman inside & out. She made my son his baby blanket that we still have 26 years later. Had great fun working with her in Denver & visited with her when I was in the area.

Kathy Kelly

Kathleen M Kelly - May 14 at 06:20 PM



“ Marty,

So sorry for your loss.

Bea was such a wonderful lady and always made me smile with her bright beautiful smile.

May all of the wonderful memories help ease your pain during the difficult time.

Thought and prayers are with you all.

Shirley Puente

Shirley Puente - May 13 at 04:01 PM



“ We will never forget Ma...so many years of memories back when we were younger and also as we got older. She was a genuine caring lady with so much love for her family and friends. Lots of laughter with her. We will miss her greatly...love Edna and Karen and the Wegele Family

Karen Wegele - May 08 at 10:11 PM



“ Wiggle family, Thank you so much for your kind words. Mom loved you just as if you two were both her daughters. We did have so many great memories that I'm very grateful for. Love you so much, Marty

Marty Young - May 09 at 12:03 PM



“ Marty & Family,
Jamie and I were so very sorry to read about the passing of your precious Mother. We were so looking forward to meeting her and looking at her scrapbooks of her yard. May God be with you and your family is this time of grief.

Jan & Jamie

Jan Wiejek - May 08 at 03:33 PM



“ Jan and Jamie, Thank you so much for your kind words. It is such a gift that two loving people bought mom's home. She was so happy that her house went to you because she knew you would love it as much as she did. I promise to get you her scrapbooks as we go through her things. Thank you again, Marty

Marty Young - May 09 at 12:06 PM



“ Bea just sparkled ! I worked with Bea at the phone company for years. She just lit up the room with her wonderful personality. She had a heart of gold! She will be missed!
Rose Garcia

Rosre Garcia - May 07 at 01:42 PM



“ Thank you Rose! Mom did sparkle - didn't she? Wonderful description of her.

Marty Young - May 09 at 12:07 PM



“ What can you say about Bea? She was kind hearted, caring and always wanting to do something for others. Bea was the life of the party. We had so many memories of her and Marlene writing their books about the telephone company. Where those books are now, we will never know. We will miss you Bea Francis!!
Love,
Jim & Jeannette Fitzgerald

Jeannette Fitzgerald - May 07 at 09:06 AM



“ Jim and Jeannette, Please know how much mom loved you both. You two have been so kind to her through out all these years and I can't thank you enough. You were the glue that kept the 'girls' together. Thank you for everything. Love you two, Marty p.s. I know who has the books...

Marty Young - May 09 at 12:10 PM



“ I met Bea in the lunch room at Ma Bell when I transferred in from California in 1973. She was loud and always smiling She created the “ Lunch Bunch” We went the rounds on all the eatery’s in town.... even drove to Ft Collins . We had house parties theme parties, sat in her kitchen and talked through good times and bad! She was a friend to my husband Bob during the tough times. When she transferred to California she and Marty came to our Christmas party ... When Bea moved on to LA she took our kids for a weekend. We kept in touch through the years and I stopped in to see her every time we hit Cheyenne She brought many of us together and we laughed and we cried when we lost one of the gals! True Friend and I considered Bea a true friend . It will not be the same without my friend Bea in Cheyenne !

Donna and Bob Valdez - May 12 at 12:35 PM



“ I can’t think of one person who didn’t love Bea. She was kind, considerate and loved doing for others. She was the life of the party. Bea had so many friends all over and she kept in touch with them. Bea will be missed! Until we meet again my friend! We love you!!

Jeannette& Jim Fitzgerald



Jeannette Fitzgerald - May 07 at 08:19 AM



“ Jeannette thank you so much for getting all the donations to put a tree by mom grave site. Mom would love knowing all her friends put a tree by her. It’s going to make her grave site extra special knowing her friends gave her the tree. Thanks so much! Love you, Marty

Marty Young - May 09 at 12:58 PM



“ Breakfast for all of her “kids” on Saturday mornings. Eating, laughing it up and sharing stories from the week with Bea and Root. Many years ago but still just like yesterday. Leroy

Leroy Stephenson - May 06 at 06:12 PM



“ Thank you so much Leroy. Mom loved you like a son. I too have those breakfast memories and will treasure them forever. Please know mom knew how much you loved her and we will be forever grateful for you being a part of our family. Love, Marty.

Martha Young - May 08 at 12:53 PM