

Hello Family and Friends,

December 2016

As our family gathers together for the holidays this year we will sadly be missing our wonderful mom. Libby passed away at age 90 on October 15, 2016, following a stroke several days earlier.

Elizabeth Hake was born in Ames, IA on 9/3/1926, daughter of Newton and Lydia Tilden Hake. She spent her very early years in Ames with her parents, her older brother Reed, and numerous Tilden relatives. In the early 1930s her family moved to her Hake grandparent's home in Kansas City, MO. She attended Border Star Elementary School and Southwest High School graduating in 1943. She excelled in all sports and earned multiple letters. After attending Monticello College in Illinois for two years, she transferred to Iowa State University the fall of 1945 and completed her degree in Home Economics in 1948.

On June 19, 1948, she married Francis Colbert, also an ISU graduate. They moved to Logan, Utah where Francis completed a master's degree in Range Science and Libby taught Home Ec courses at Utah State University.

They moved to Phoenix, AZ in the summer of 1950 where Francis began work as a farm and ranch manager. Their first child Tom was born in September. Kathryn was born in 1952 and Martha in 1953. Although Libby never "worked," she was always busy: Girl Scout leader, tennis player, golfer, church volunteer, PTA member, and mother extraordinaire.

The family moved to Denver in 1968 and Libby worked in the office of the Society for Range Management of which Francis was Executive Secretary. In 1974, after the sudden death of Francis, Libby embarked on a new chapter in life. She returned to work as a Home Economist with the CSU Extension Service, completed a master's degree, designed and built her passive solar home in Greeley, and spent much time with children and grandchildren.

She married Bill Hurst in 1985 and although they later divorced, "Grandpa Bill" remained a lifelong family friend and travel companion.

Libby retired at age 82, but stayed active with golf, senior weight training classes, her yard work, and numerous grandchildren's activities.

She was so comfortable and happy during this past year that she lived in her memory care center and we are comforted that at the time of her death she still recognized her family. Rest in peace, Libby.

**Best Wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2017.
Tom, Kathryn, and Martha Colbert**