

In loving memory of
Anabeth James

*Anabeth's family wishes to thank the many people who
have prayed, visited, helped, and in all ways encouraged
her and us over the past difficult months.*



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December 7, 1933 ~ February 8, 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE
February 17, 2023

Faith Church
Loveland, Colorado



Anabeth Sparks James passed away with her family by her side at home in Loveland, Colorado on February 8, 2023. She was born on December 7, 1933 in Torrington, Wyoming to Earl Grant and Analeta (Lawhead) Sparks.

She grew up in Torrington with her older siblings Aurelia and John. Her parents operated a chicken hatchery and a "cabin court" with one-room cabins for rent. As a child she enjoyed family summers spent at Red Feather Lakes, Colorado, where her parents owned a cabin.

She graduated in 1955 from Bob Jones University and became a middle school English teacher in Wyoming and California. She also taught one year with the same agency as her sister and brother-in-law in Dembi Dolo, Ethiopia. On her way there in 1959, a benefactor gave her an extended round-the-world trip with stops in Hawaii, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, India, Yemen, and Addis Ababa—showing her taste for adventure!

In 1967 she married Ronald Vernon James of Fillmore, California. They moved to Karlsruhe, Germany where they were soon joined by three children: daughter Lisa, and sons Peter and Stanley. Over the years the family lived in Florida, Bermuda, Okinawa, and Colorado Springs.

Anabeth was multi-talented and enjoyed playing the piano and organ, sewing, painting, baking, and traveling. Like her mother, she kept a daily diary.

In 1997 Anabeth and Vern retired to Red Feather Lakes where they lived for 20 years and were vibrant members of Morning Star Community Church. Anabeth taught vacation bible school, and she and her sister played the piano and organ for services. In 2016 she and Vern moved to old town Loveland, CO and became active at Faith Church.

Anabeth is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and sister. She is survived by her husband Vern, daughter Lisa (Mark) of Elizabeth, CO; son Peter of Englewood, CO, son Stanley of Loveland, CO; and grandchildren Caila, Austin, Brandon, Ryan, and Maci of Elizabeth, CO.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship: John 11:25, 26

Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Scripture: Romans 8:35-39

Hymn: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Heidelberg Confession

Anabeth's Testimony

Eulogies

Hymn: *And Can It Be? (Amazing Love)*

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-3

My Jesus, as Thou Wilt

Message

Who am I?

Benediction

Please join the family at a reception in the Hall of Faith following the service.