

## OBITUARY

*Mae Louise Contos*

DECEMBER 27, 1925 - JANUARY 23, 2017



IN THE CARE OF

Olinger Andrews Caldwell Gibson Chapel

Mae would like to let all that knew her that her work on earth has been completed. She entered into her heavenly inheritance on January 23, 2017 in Castle Rock, CO being held in the loving arms of her "Kiki". Our mom received her call and one she could not refuse. It was the assurance of grace and a job well done from her Lord and Savior that beckoned her. Her invitation granted her a huge signing bonus, an eternity with her Lord and a sweet reunion with her family and many dear friends. Mom's reward takes her to an incredible heavenly place where you can find her gardening, dancing, entertaining, and maybe even styling the hair of the saints until her hearts content. Laughter and music are guaranteed to be part of her endless days and you can be assured the food is incredible and calorie free.

On any given Saturday on the North Shore during Mom's long life you would find ladies in the community at her kitchen table. They were not there for Saturday brunch but to receive Mae's extra special services. She would spend the day washing, cutting, and setting rollers. It was one of her passions to serve others by making them look beautiful.

She also had a love for the fashion industry. Her career spanned many years, from her service at Maurice's, to her 27 years at the Continental Ski Shop, where she was given the nickname of "North Shore Mae," which she proudly wore. She finished her fashion career with her friends at JC Penny's.

Your memories of Mae are sure to include things she loved like berry picking, fishing, dancing, golfing, skiing, cooking, traveling, singing in the choir, puppies and Jesus. Not necessarily in that order. You may have shared morning Bible study or Tuesday's at Lowayne's, joined her watching the Hallmark Channel, or maybe sharing one of special treats; dove chocolate. She did have a great disdain for snakes and hypocritical behavior and not necessarily in that order.

Our mom's life was not without deep pain and loss. She was proceeded in death by her parents, Calvin and Gertrude Tenborg, her first husband, Gunnard L. Strand, their beautiful daughter, Peggy L. Strand (Hoglund, Collier), her second husband Lawrence (Larry) M. Contos, and her love of 25 years, Fred B. Chez.

Mae's surviving family includes her sister Louella Grace Rosenfield, two daughters, Lori (Contos) Stroner and her husband Jim, Kari "Kiki" (Contos) Edge and her husband Joey, grandchildren Aspen Edge, Emily Hoglund, and Kris Hoglund. Mae's great-grandchild Anika Hoglund.

The services to celebrate her life will be held on June 4th, 2017 at French River Lutheran Church in Duluth, MN. There will be a welcome reception beginning at 2:00 p.m. and her celebration service will follow at 3:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the service a lite and sweet reception will be served at the church.

The family would also like to extend an invitation to gather at The Boat Club Restaurant and Bar at the Fitgers Brewery on June 3rd, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. A time to toast Mae, share some memories and see some old friends.

Her celebration of life can be shared at [olingerandrews.com](http://olingerandrews.com)

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