

Jan Anne Buthman, 78

Dec. 27, 1938 - June 20, 2017

LAKESWOOD, CO – Jan Anne Buthman was born to parents Gretchen and Francis Plumb in Harlan Dec. 27, 1938. They moved and lived in California for about four years when she was a small child, and then returned to Iowa where she grew up with her 12 siblings, attended school, met and married Jack Buthman on July 25, 1957.

In 1961 the couple moved to Lakewood, CO where Jan worked at a bank. In 1964 they started their family. They bought their first house in Edgewater, CO in 1966 where they lived for 50 years. She took time away from working to raise her two sons and then went back to work for 18 years at COBE Laboratories from where she retired.

In 1999 she was diagnosed with MS but had symptoms for 10 years before that. The MS slowly claimed her, first she needed a cane, then a walker and finally a wheelchair. All the time, she never complained or felt self-pity.

Jan was a strong, creative and loving person. Strong, as in she always was the boss. Could be because she was the oldest of 12 children, some of which she helped raise, or that she had two energetic boys.

She always liked her things just so. Her house was always very clean and the laundry was always pressed. She hardly ever sat down at night, she would set up her ironing board while watching TV, and iron everything, jeans, sheets, pillow cases ... if it got washed, it got ironed.

Every couple of years the interior walls of her home would get a fresh coat of paint. Many shocked looks on her sons' friends faces when they would come to the house and lean with their hand on the wall and she would scold them "get your hands off the walls." Soon they too would be trained not to touch the walls at her house.

Jan had many lifelong friends. Her and Jack always helped out where they could. They spent many weekends trading favors with friends. For them, this was often helping paint interior rooms or whole houses. She loved doing arts and crafts, and crocheting, making many beautiful things.

She loved her country music and she loved to go dancing and let loose a little too. They faithfully followed their favorite bands around to the local honkytonks and made many more friends along the way.

Jan passed away June 20, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister, Patty Sue.

Jan is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Jack Buthman of Lakewood, CO, two sons, Jay and Jeff and families of Colorado, brothers Benton (Betsy) Plumb of Harlan, Richard (Janet) Plumb of Kirkman, Phil Plumb of Shawnee, OK, Alfred (Diane) Plumb of Irwin, Steve (Kathy) Plumb of Harlan, Paul (Michelle) Plumb of Spirit Lake, sisters July Sheck of Kansas, Phyllis Plumb of Harlan, Susan (Don) Hawkins of Audubon, and Lori (Jim) Baughman of Kirkman, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held on July 3, 2017 at the Aspen Memorial Chapel in Aspen, CO with committal at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, CO.

