

Cena Blanche Wilson Hershberger Troutman



Long time Salida resident Cena Blanche Wilson Hershberger Troutman, better known as Cena B passed away on December 25, 2021 at Homelake Veterans Center in Monte Vista after a long hard fight. "She really gave it her Irish!" She was 91.

She was born in Salida, Colorado on April 6, 1930 to Ellen and Earl Wilson. When she was two her father died and she was later adopted by her "Dad" John Hershberger.

She was preceded in death by her parents Ellen and John Hershberger, sister Wilda Cooksey, niece Ellen Dunavin and Ellen's husband Steve and numerous other family members and friends. She is survived by her children Charles (DeeAnn) Troutman, Calvin (Shelly) Troutman, Denise (John) New and Phyllis (Keven) Christensen. Nephew John (Kathy) Dunavin, Niece Jodi (Daniel) Poole, 10 Grand Kids and their spouses, 15 Great Grand Kids and sister-in-laws Donna and Nancy Troutman.

She graduated top of her class from Salida High School in 1949. She then went to college at Saint

Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Denver Colorado which was affiliated with Regis University. She graduated top of her class in 1952. She then went to work at the Denver Rio Grande Hospital in Salida and as Dr. Leonard's Office Nurse until joining the Navy in 1957. She was stationed in Bethesda, Maryland at National Naval Medical Center. She entered the Navy as a Lieutenant J.G. and at the end of her service in 1960 she Lieutenant. She then returned to Salida to resume her work at the office of Leonard, Mehos and Sandell along with her work at the Salida Hospital from which she retired in 2003 after more than 50 years of service. She then continued to volunteer her nursing services for numerous years after her retirement.

She was a member of the Catholic Church, DAR, Eastern Star, ESA Sorority and the School of Hard Knocks (her words not ours).

She enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, bingo, casinos, her grandchildren and all that entailed and her great grand kids. Her true love in life was her family.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, friends who desire may make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children Research Hospital through Lewis and Glenn Funeral Home. On line condolences may be sent to the family at lewisandglenn.com