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H. Gail Preusch Burdette passed away peacefully with family present.



Gail was born in Lake Wilson, Minn.

Before moving to Aspen, Gail skated for the Ice Capades for many years eventually becoming a figures gold judge and judging the likes of Peggy Fleming and Scott Hamilton and spending much time at the Broadmoor Ice Arena in Colorado Springs Having visited Aspen in 1955 for a ski vacation, Gail and Husband Art Preusch moved to Aspen in November 1960. Purchased the Norway Lodge and became lodge owners on top of Figure Skating Judges. In 1967 they opened the Snowmass Inn in

Snowmass Village, one of five hotels to open for the first ski season.

In 1970-1971 they converted the Norway Lodge into the Mine Dump Apts. Shortly after Arts death in 1972, Gail let go of both lodges and continued to live in Aspen until 1978. After Aspen, Gail moved and lived in Scottsdale Arizona to be closer to her mother. After Scottsdale, she moved around the country and at one point returned to Aspen in 1986, moving on to Glenwood Springs, Telluride and Lazeur Colorado, for the past six years she lived on Redlands Mesa outside Hotchkiss CO. During this time she touch many lives becoming a CNA nurse and working in many assisted living homes.

Up to her death she was a volunteer at Delta Memorial Hospital in the Oncology Department and Gift shop. She is survived by her husband Ison Burdette, children: Stephanie Eisele, Chris & Heather Preusch. Grandchildren: Wyatt & Hailey Wilson, Sarah Tuft, Andrew Preusch and Taylor Preusch. Great grandchildren: Annie Sage Wilson.

We would like to extend great thanks to the Nurses and Doctors at Delta Memorial Hospital for their support and professional care.

Thanks to all for your calls and support during this time.

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