Mary Ann Davis
March 5, 1936 - June 24, 2021

Mary Ann was born 85 years ago at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs. She was a lifelong resident of Green Mountain Falls, and the third-generation to live in the 1888 family home, Hartsholme.

Mary Ann attended Manitou High School and received her BA degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She married Manitou classmate Jack “C” Davis Jr. They raised three daughters and devoted their lives to their educations and upbringing. She was a talented artist, seamstress, award-winning quilter, and partnered with Jack in the family business.

Mary Ann was a founding member of the Ute Pass Historical Society, as was her mother Dorothy Hart Conn. She followed in her parents’ footsteps as an energetic community volunteer including work for the Ute Pass Elementary School and The Colorado Springs School. She was an El Paso County election judge for many years.

Mary Ann was a font of knowledge about local history and an author of history books about the Ute Pass Region and its residents. Known for her welcoming smile, kind heart, and strong spirit, she was cherished by her family, friends, and her beloved Ute Pass community.

She is survived by her husband Jack, their three daughters and sons-in-law, four grandchildren, four nephews, a niece, her sister Margaret Edna Conn Kwapil, and Jack’s sister and brother-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm and Dorothy Hart Conn, and her brother, Malcolm Conn IV, “Baby Brother”.

Plans for a summer memorial in 2022 are pending. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the Ute Pass Historical Society, P.O. Box 6875, Woodland Park, CO. 80866.

Mary Ann will be laid to rest at Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs near her parents.
My dear friend Mary Ann Davis...what an inspirational woman!! She was so gifted in all she did; her books, quilting, etc., etc. She put her whole self into everything she did. She was very quiet, so caring and thoughtful of everyone...as gifted as she was in all she did, she did not toot her own horn. She was one of the most humble people I have ever known. What she accomplished spoke volumes.

Some of my fondest memories of Mary Ann were going on walks around Green Mountain Falls. Sometimes we went down to the Elementary School and back. We enjoyed participating in the Pony Run at the school, an annual fundraiser.

A few years ago, Mary Ann wanted to hike up the Catamount Trail to the Garden of Eden, a very challenging climb. Our group started out on a great spring day, and it did prove tough! Our efforts were rewarded by a beautiful mountain meadow worthy of its name.

As we enjoyed lunch in this lovely spot, we thought the rugged descent would be a bit much for her knees. We called on her husband, Jack, to drive up the Pikes Peak Highway and pick us up at the South Catamount Reservoir. When he arrived at the Toll Gate, he learned that the reservoirs were not yet open for the season, and he could not proceed. He told the gatekeeper: I HAVE to go get them. They are all old ladies! He may have exaggerated our ages a bit! Fortunately, a female Ranger, who referred to us as The Rebel Ladies, was provided to escort Jack into the closed area and rescue us. One time, Mary Ann asked me to hike Thomas Trail with her. We did that, too, and had a wonderful time. I also took her to Paint Mines in Calhan for a hike. She and Jack joined me on an ice fishing trip. WOW! What an adventurous woman! Mary Ann always met the challenge, and we were all rewarded by her perseverance.
Mary Ann was very friendly toward me and remembered her mother speaking of my grandmother, Mrs. Stewart...one of the owners of Columbine Lodge in the '50s. She also gave me the copy of my grandmother's orange bread recipe...which you published in the newsletter. It is a family treasure now. Mary Ann Davis is remembered fondly by me.

Thomas Headlee

### SOUR CREAM PANCAKES

- 2 cups pancake mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening

Add sour cream, milk, and beaten egg to pancake mix all at once and stir lightly. (If batter seems too thick, add 1/2 cup milk.) Somewhat lumpy batter makes light, fluffy pancakes. Lightly flour in melted shortening. Pour 1/2 cup batter for each pancake onto hot, lightly greased griddle. Bake to a golden brown, turning only once.

### ORANGE BREAD

- 2 packages dry yeast- dissolved in 1/2 cup luke warm water...
- 2/3 cup Crisco
- 2 cups scalded milk
- 1 table spoon salt.
- 3 eggs, beaten

Add yeast mixture and 1/2 cup sugar to small bowl. When milk is luke warm, add eggs and 3 cups flour-beat. Add yeast mixture and orange peel mixture. Add flour to make stiff dough but able to stir with spoon. Cover and let rise one hour. Work down. When double in bulk, work down and make 5 loaves in bread pans. Bake 45 minutes in 350° oven. We served it as toast for breakfast. We made it in the little flat toaster.

### Orange peel mixture

But peeling of six oranges through chopper food grinder. Cover with salt water-let stand over night or for several hours. Drain and rinse. Add 2 cups of water and 2 cups of sugar and cook slowly until clear but not boiled. Add 1 cup of water: 1 cup of sugar and cinnamon and roll and slice. We made it the bottom of baking dishes with oleo and brown sugar and put rolls on top. Covered and then in the morning they were just right to bake.
A few years ago, the Ute Pass Historical Society wanted to publish a book about the history of Ute Pass, a huge undertaking! Mary Ann was right on board, concentrating mainly on Green Mountain Falls and lower Ute Pass where she had grown up.

Mary Ann called on her many friends in the area: pioneers, settlers, ranchers and “summer people”. They shared memories and pictures galore! Before we knew it, such a wealth of material was collected that it led to the book *Green Mountain Falls: Stories of the Early Years*, published in 2013. The book was so popular that it inspired many more contributions to be used in two more volumes on Ute Pass.

It was my great privilege to work with Mary Ann on all these and see how she pulled wonderful memories and pictures from all her sources.

And she was a wonderful person and friend in every way. There is a huge void in Green Mountain Falls, now filled with warm and wonderful memories. We all miss her so!!!

Mary Ann was an author on these three books, published by UPHS

- *Green Mountain Falls: Stories of the Early Years*  
  *In the Words of the People Who Love This Special Place*
- *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I: Tales of Lower Ute Pass*  
  *Cragside, Chapin Park, Green Mountain Falls and Crested Butte*
- *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume II: Tales of Upper Ute Pass*  
  *Woodland Park, Elinore, Divide and Holman*

Mary Ann and Claudia, signing *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I* at the Crystola Inn, 2016
Thanks to Myrna Lindholm and Claudia Eley for the use of their photos, and their beautiful messages...
Thank you to ...
Our new and renewing
Family and Associate Patrons

Maryanna Stark Adelman
Allen County Public Library * Betsy Anderson
Pam Banta * Mike and Marie Bartol * John Bell
Debby Bloch * Margaret Blume * Lisa Bonwell
Nancy and David Brittain * Marsha Carra
Cynthia Chandler * Kathleen Clifton * Joan Compton
Marilyn Cummins * Paul and Nancy Desilets
Monica and Gregory Donovan
Paul Edwards, CDR., USNR * Penny Edyvean
Katie Davis Gardner * Doug and Karen Gilliam
Charles and Pamela Giraud * Sue Greene
Don Hamilton * Paul and Janice Hamlet
Christine Hansen * Joyce and Evan Herold
Douglas and Deborah Hydeman
Jim and Evelyn Irving * Susan Janicki
Irving and Joyce Johnson * David and Billie Kilman
Robert and Kathleen King * Callie and Jacob Knapp
Larry Langston * Carol Lindholm * David Martinek
John McClelland * David and Lynne Murray
David Nossaman * Daniel and Terry Odell
Ralph and Doris Palmer * Ginger Patrick
Jason Pearce * Mary Lou Penny
Dale and Judy Perkins * Bill Phelps * Steve Plutt
Toni Busch Ratzlaff * Mel and Sally Riley
Inez Ripley * Renee Rowcliffe * Melanie Rowlison
Darlene Ruth * Susan Penny Schmidt
Keith and Mary Anne Sheldon
Brooke and Karolyn Smith * Julie Snyder
Gene and Carol Sperry * Lisa and Steve Stanton
Kathy Stockton * Abby and Ken Sutton
Eric Swab * Jean Taylor * Bill and Elise Tiedt
Jim and Natalie Unruh * Anne Urish
Jon and Lori Van Sant * Bill and Janet Ward
Gunnar Williams * Dan and Nancy Woods
Doug and Marianne Young

Our Business/Supporting Patrons

Jeff and Kathy Hansen, High Pine Design
Michelle Harris, Rampart Library District
Jay Harshe
Ian and Pat Hyslop
Ellin Jensen
Larry and Corliss Miller
Glen and Lois Sill

Our Benefactor Patrons

Anne Esch
Bob and Suzie Graf, Blue Mountain Ranch
Tom S. Headlee
Jim and Meg Huber
Jody Gayler Jones
Pat Kimble
Mary Kokosky, M.D.
Jean Rodeck
Jane and Dick Lass, Silver Springs Ranch
Michael and Kathryn Lockwood
Patricia Doiel McLean and Children
Joanne Smith
Dave and Nancy Spradling
Luke St. Onge
Jon and Beth Woods

Our President’s Club

Dick Bratton, Architect
Newman and Bonny McAllister

Special thanks to our Historical Club Patrons

Alexander H. Paul
Larry Black
I.R.E.A.
Christian Keesee Charitable Trust
Kirkpatrick Family Fund
Paul Loyd
Peak Internet
Thanks to our Amazing Volunteers!
Larry Black * Jack and Mary Ann Davis
Nancy and Paul Desilets * Claudia Eley
Donna Finicle * Doug and Karen Gilliam * Suzie Graf
Pat Hyslop * Jim and Evelyn Irving * Jane Lass
Myrna Lindholm * Paul Loyd * Betty Merchant
Ginger Patrick * Jason Pearce * Dale and Judy Perkins
Trevor Phipps * Steve and Kim Plutt
Mel and Sally Riley * Jean Rodeck * Renee Rowcliffe
Darlene Ruth * Ted and Karla Schweitzer
Jean Taylor * Jon Woods

**Available ONLY at the UPHS Gift Shop**
$14 + tax

2022 14-month pictorial calendar
Ute Pass or Green Mountain Falls edition

And UPHS recognizes our Honorary Lifetime Patrons
Larry Black * Paul and Patricia Crowson
Jack and Mary Ann Davis * Donna Elder
Claudia and Jim Eley * Anne Foster
Marg Ed Kwapil * Sandy and Daniel Lampe
Gary and Anna Litchenberg * Betty Merchant
Mel McFarland * Louisa Moore
George and Jeanne Parkhurst * Claude Wiatrowski

**Mueller State Park**
**Heritage Days Celebration**

On Saturday, August 14, Ute Pass Historical Society participated in celebrating Heritage Day, an annual day of family celebration of the Ute Pass pioneers, held at Mueller State Park.

Families enjoyed a wide variety of activities from churning their own butter to hearing anecdotes and jokes from the pioneer era.

UPHS had a display of the history of butter churns, an area for families to dress up as pioneer characters for fun pictures, and an area stick pony games. It was great fun for everyone!

Pat Hyslop, center, and other volunteers, share a laugh

---

**July 4th Cemetery Crawl ... a big hit with visitors and reenactors**
Jon and Lori Van Sant of Green Mountain Falls as Moses and Montana Burnside
Ute Pass Historical Society
& Pikes Peak Museum
P.O. Box 6875
Woodland Park, CO 80866-6875

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of Ute Pass families and communities since 1976

2020 Board of Directors
Donna Finicle, President
Suzie Graf and Jane Lass, Secretaries
Pat Hyslop, Board Member
Paul Loyd, Board Member
Jean Rodeck, Board Member
Renee Rowcliffe, Board Member
Julie Snyder, Board Member
Sally Riley, City Liaison

Committee Chairpersons
Finance and Budgeting: Paul Loyd and Anita Wallace
Research/Inquiries: Larry Black and Claudia Eley
Oral Histories: Larry Black
Photo Librarian and Sales: Paul Loyd
Newsletter/Patronage: Judy Perkins
Curator: Katie Davis Gardener

Office Telephone: 719.686.7512
Email: uphs@utepasshistoricalsociety.org
Website: utepasshistoricalsociety.org

UPHS is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization

THANK YOU!
The Ute Pass Historical Society’s Board of Directors is grateful to our loyal patrons and enthusiastic volunteers. Without your generous financial contributions and dedicated volunteer service, we would not exist. Thanks to all of you for supporting our mission to preserve and share the history of the families and communities of the Ute Pass area of Colorado. It is an honor to serve you!