The Johnstown Breeze

SANTERAMO

Mavis A. Santeramo, of Loveland, passed away Aug. 21, 2013, at Pathways Hospice at McKee Medical Center in Loveland. She was 84.
She was born to Lloyd and Mabel (Hermanson) Christenson on Oct. 30, 1928, in Hibbing, Minn., where she spent her childhood and early adulthood.

In 1945, she was married and had a son, Larry Christenson, and graduated from Hibbing High School in 1947. She divorced her first husband and then attended community college following high school, completing the one-year secretarial course, and then worked as an administrative assistant.

In 1950, she began dating Victor Santeramo and they were later married in 1959 at the Little Brown Church of the Vale in Nashua, Iowa. Ten years into marriage Mavis had another son, Scott Santeramo.

Following her marriage to Vic she worked alongside him as he opened numerous pizza houses throughout Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska, known as “Vic’s Pizza Palace,” and in Colorado, known as “Fratellis” (Brothers). Following the birth of their son Scott, they briefly moved to Arvada, from Mason City, Iowa, and then returned to Mason City where she and Vic owned and operated fine dining establishments, including The Pheasant Run and The Landmark.

In 1980, Mavis and her family permanently moved from Mason City to Colorado to be closer to family; first to Longmont and then settling in Loveland where she changed careers and worked for US West in telemarketing until 1993. She and Vic divorced in 1987.
Mavis is survived by her son Scott (Brechen) Santeramo of Johnstown; her daughter-in-law Debra Christenson of Morrison, Colo.; her step-son David (Eileen) Santeramo of Blaine, Minn.; seven grandchildren: Steven Terzich, Jason (Abby) Christenson, Nicole Christenson, Tyler Santeramo, Taryn Santeramo, Angela(Josh) Weinzetl, and Anthony Santeramo; five great-grandchildren: Steven Terzich, Jr., Ella, Luke, and Audrey Weinzetl, and Alexa Christenson; and two brothers, Theron Christenson and Lloyd Christenson, both of Arizona. She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Christenson; two sisters, Dorothy Opacich and Lavita Christenson; and her ex-husband, Victor Santeramo.

A Celebration of Life memorial was held Aug. 26 at the United Methodist Church of Johnstown.