

In Loving Memory of Maureen Nelson *April 11, 1940 – May 29, 2025*

Maureen Nelson lived a life defined by quiet strength, unwavering support, and steady grace. Maureen was born to John and Ida Crump in Sacramento, California and came to Colorado where she has lived for the past 56 years.

A proud and dedicated educator, Maureen earned her Master's Degree in Special Education and devoted her career to helping students recognize what they *could* do—not what they couldn't. Her classroom was a place of encouragement and possibility, and she swelled with pride when former students visited.

Maureen's easy smile and listening ear made her a cherished friend and steadfast family member. She gave without fanfare and showed up without needing to be asked. She lived with fierce independence and quiet conviction.

Music was a central thread in her life. At the Big Blue choir of First Presbyterian Church, she found community and joy in song. While her spiritual life was meaningful to her, she expressed it more through her actions than words—choosing love, showing grace, and living her values with quiet resolve.

She is survived by her brother Jerry (Glenda) Crump; her daughters, Corinne Nelson and Lisa (Jeff) Hein; her grandchildren Gabe (Rylee) Gonzales, Ben (Katie) Gonzales, Michaela Hein, and Micah Hein; and six great-grandchildren. Her memory lives on in them.

She chose joy and shared wisdom gently. That was her way—simple and generous.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.