

Eleanor Dwight



Eleanor was the founder and president of our local chapter of the United Nations Association, a key sponsor of and participant in the Hour For Peace since 2008.

[Northern Colorado Chapter – UNA-USA \(unausa.org\)](http://unausa.org)

Obituary

“Eleanor Garrison Dwight died on February 2, 2022, at age 84 of cancer. She was the fourth of five children born to Hildred and Lloyd Garrison in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Her father's educational profession required the family to move to several different cities throughout her youth. After the war, the family settled in Englewood, Colorado where her father became a Dean at Denver University. Eleanor graduated from Englewood High School in 1955. She enrolled at Colorado State University where she met and then married Barton Dwight. They had three children together and were later divorced. The family moved to Hingham, Massachusetts where Eleanor was active in the League of Women Voters, the nuclear freeze movement, sensible gun control efforts and the Unitarian Church. Eleanor later moved back to Colorado and enrolled in Metro State College at the age of 46. There, her interest in international relations and urban studies was kindled and resulted in a degree in that field. Eleanor served on Littleton's City Planning Commission and was a member

of the City Council. She created PEN POWER, a writer's group that encouraged Congress to limit excessive military spending. Eleanor became a Public Affairs Specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency in Denver until she retired.

She then moved to Fort Collins where she met her long-time partner, Norman Illsley. She continued her activist role founding a group that was always close to her heart, the United Nations Association of Northern Colorado. She was also the convener of the United Unitarians for Justice in the Middle East ; an organization dedicated to Equal rights for Palestinians. Eleanor worked her whole life to improve the quality of life for so many in the community and around the world. She was a strong voice for justice, attending protests and constantly writing to and calling politicians to raise awareness for the issues for which she was passionate. She was not deterred by gender discrimination, in fact that only made her more passionate to stand up for women's rights. She was intelligent and had a great sense of humor. She and Norm hosted numerous international students. The two loved sitting on their beautiful patio, enjoying their view and greeting neighbors. She and Norm created a community garden in their neighborhood.

Eleanor is survived by her partner, Norman Illsley; three children, Deanne Lembitz, Marcie Bronchella of Salt Lake City, UT, David Dwight (Cindy), Pittsburgh, PA and Norman's children, Alison James and Richard Illsley; siblings, Lorene Mowen and Lon Garrison (Joyce): 8 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was a special aunt to numerous nieces and nephews and loved by her many wonderful neighbors. Eleanor was preceded in death by her sister Geri Stutheit and her brother Kenneth Garrison.

A Celebration of Life was held April 30, 2022, from 2-4 pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the UN High Commission for Refugees by going to <http://www.unrefugees.org> or writing to USA for UNHCR at PO Box 97114, Washington, DC 20077. Another way to honor Eleanor would be to take some kind of action to make the world a better place on United Nations Day, October 24th each year."



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