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Jean Cox

of Boulder, CO died Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at her residence. She was 89. Jean was born on June 23, 1918, in Hiawatha, UT, to Otto and Florence (Alexander) Herres. She married James Gilbert Cox in Denver on December 9, 1945. He preceded her in death in 1973.

She received a Bachelor of Music from Syracuse University in Syracuse, NY. After moving to Denver, she was the harpist for the Denver Symphony Orchestra for several years, playing in the first DSO concert at Red Rocks in 1947. She continued to play the harp at special events, and taught harp and piano throughout her life. She and her family moved to Summit, NJ in 1954.

After the death of her husband, she moved to Tucson. She had become involved in teaching English as a second language in New Jersey and expanded her efforts in Tucson, eventually serving as president of the Tucson Adult Literacy Volunteers. In 1995 she won the J.C. Penny Golden Rule award and in 1996 the Arizona Sertoma Service to Mankind award for her work with adult literacy. She was also a docent at the Tucson Art Museum, serving as president of the docents twice.

Jean was an active member of St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church in Tucson, AZ. She was a member of the Preservation and Endowment committee and served as Director of Fine Arts for many years, researching many of the art objects in the church's collection, including those donated by the Kress Foundation. She was instrumental in gaining National Historical status for the Arizona Inn and St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. After moving to Boulder, CO in May of 2006, she joined St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Recently she achieved a long held dream of visiting the art treasures of Rome, Italy.

She is survived by her son, James Gilbert Cox, III (Marie Bernardini), of Burbank, CA; two daughters, Anne Bekoff (Earl Perry) of Boulder, CO and Sarah Cox (Brian O'Connell) of West Hartford, CT; five grandchildren, Jay, Asher, Sean, Kelsey and Travis Cox; and three step grandchildren, Nathan, Alex and Diana Perry. Her parents and her brother, Schuyler, preceded her in death.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, November 24 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Philip's in the Hills in Tucson, AZ. Memorial contributions may be made to The Jean Cox Art Preservation Fund at St. Philip's in the Hills, 4440 N Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85718, (520) 299-6421.