

A Transplanted Midwestern Girl

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Upon entering, questions of creature comforts were inquired,

“Can I get you something to drink?”

“Have a seat.”

“Are you hungry?”

“Let me take your coat.”

Always were people welcome

Never was anyone turned away

When visitors stayed

Warm cookies they found

Regardless of the illness, the remedy the same,

“Gargle with warm salt water.”

Always were people enjoyed

Never was there a poor word spoken

Camping trips and bratwurst

Pool parties and hiking

Roadrunner games and Jerry Tucci’s

Packers/Cardinals and San Diego

Always an extra place for holiday meals or family get togethers

Never too busy to catch up on the phone

A warm heart

A generous spirit

A ready smile

A kind word

A giving nature

A chef of hearty meals

A seamstress

A nurse

A wife

A mother

A mediator

A musician

A volunteer

A grandmother

A friend

A lover of the desert, the Canyon, family

An eager adventurer in travel and life

Not long enough on this Earth

Always in our hearts

Never forgotten

