



Joy Elizabeth Coleman

May 26, 1942 - March 3, 2015

Joy Elizabeth (Sanders) Coleman died at home on March 3, 2015 after a courageous battle with lymphoma. She was born in Ogden, UT. on May 26, 1942 to Denzel E. Sanders and Ida Katherine (Todd) Sanders. In 1960 she graduated from Ogden High School and shortly thereafter married Floyd Neil Coleman. They had three children together. They divorced after 38 years of marriage.

Joy held many jobs throughout the years, among them working at Hill Air Force Base, UT and for the Utah State Extension Service for many years in both Box Elder and Weber counties. In 1997, she moved to Washington State to be near her eldest daughter and in 2010 moved in with her daughter and her daughter-in-law. Her last job was working for the Chelan-Douglas C.A.S.A. program in Wenatchee, WA as a court-appointed special advocate for disadvantaged children.

Joy was a wise, kind, and generous woman. She was an avid reader who read on average 3-5 books per week. She was also quite a talented interior designer. The saying goes that she could make a beautiful home out of a cave. She loved to craft and was known for her creative, personalized greeting cards. She also enjoyed gardening and spent much of the spring outdoors planting all kinds of flowers.

She is survived by her three children, Carrie Coleman (Joara Minhara), Christine Coleman, Curtis Coleman; her granddaughter Taylor Joy Coleman; two sisters, Susan Crook (Brent), Linda West; two brothers, Douglas Sanders

(Barbara), Dennis Sanders; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Janice Sanders.

Mom, your loss leaves an unfillable hole in our hearts. You were more than just a mom; you were a friend, role model and adviser. We will miss your wit, laughter and love.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Nature Conservancy (nature.org) or Chelan Douglas CASA (cdcasa.org). Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, East Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ I feel very privileged to have had the time to get know Joy. She was generous to a fault. It was evident how much she loved her children and how much Carrie and Jo loved her. Joy was warm and welcoming always working hard to make you feel special as a guest. She was a special person and one of the most nonjudgmental people I ever met. I am so very sorry that we lost this loving person so soon. My heart breaks for her family. Sending them my love Connie

Connie Kelly - March 08, 2015 at 01:52 PM

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“ You were the best mom anyone could ever have. You were always there for all of us no matter what. You inspire me and give me courage. You are the kindest most loving person I have ever known. Words can't give you justice, you are an angel on earth. I love you and miss you so much

Curtis Coleman - March 06, 2015 at 03:19 PM

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“ My mom was one of a kind. She was always worried about everybody but herself. I will miss seeing her everyday, talking with her and learning from her. Like most of the Sanders women, she was witty and had a great sense of humor. I love you mom. My heart is broken.

Carrie Coleman - March 05, 2015 at 04:28 PM

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Joy was very sweet and good and very much loved by me.
I may not have seen her in ages but I remember her smiles and her patience with all of us rotten kids. :-)
Love to all of you

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