

Joan Doreen Jensen

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Joan Jensen joined the heavenly angels after a brief battle with cancer. She was surrounded and supported by her family.

She was born to David A. and Josephine M. Thorndike on April 10, 1933, in Tonasket, WA. She attended school in Tonasket until the age of 14 when the family moved to Oroville. She graduated from Oroville High School in 1951. After high school she attended Central Washington Deaconess School of Nursing where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1954. She continued her career as an RN for 42 years working at Deaconess Hospital in Wenatchee, Pullman Regional Hospital in Pullman, and Columbia Basin Hospital in Ephrata.

In January 1955 she took a chance on a blind date and met Francis E. Jensen. They married on June 13, 1959. She and Francis moved to Pullman and upon Francis's graduation from Washington State University they moved to Soap Lake, where they lived and raised their four children (also known as the 4 roses).

Joan was well known throughout the community and was active in many

programs supporting the kids in their sports and school events, Camp Fire Girls, (which she established in the Soap Lake area), Cub Scouts, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the United Methodist Church. She was also active in the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. She was extremely proud of the unique qualities of Soap Lake itself and was active in the Soap Lake Conservancy. The Jensen home was always open to friends and family with open arms and many thought of her as a second mom. She was very gifted in listening and support for all who needed it. Nieces and nephews could always count on a spaghetti dinner when traveling to or from college.

Joan is survived by Francis, her husband of 63 years, her four children, Maria (Gary) Brady, Jeff, Doug (Carmen) and Julia (Mike) Anderson; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren as well as her two sisters Eleanor (Kenneth) Gausman and Joyce (Duane) Ward and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers Theodore and Donald Thorndike.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 29th at 11AM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1012 C Street SW, Ephrata. If you are unable to join us, please celebrate her life with a cup of hot chocolate with lots of whipped cream and sprinkles.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (PT)

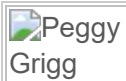
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1012 C St S.W.
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan was always smiling and so very supportive of her family. She and Francis attended many functions at St. Rose of Lima through the years. They also always came and walked a few laps at the Relay for Life. An all around great lady... Rest in peace Joan. May our collective prayers give comfort to Francis and family today and in the days to come. - Lynn Stecker*

Lynn Landsman Stecker - November 06, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Joan was working at Columbia Basin Hospital when I started working there in 1981. She was always a good support and backup. She was a loving friend to me when I went through personal trials. She was a blessing in my life.
Peggy Grigg*

Peggy Grigg - October 15, 2022 at 11:42 AM