



Janell Thomas

August 19, 1926 - October 15, 2014

Gwyn Janell Thomas, 88, a resident of Moses Lake since 1961, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2014 at Columbia Crest Care Center.

Janell was born August 19, 1926 in Union, Oregon to Vernon Cockrell and Ruth Minnie Burford Cockrell.

She married Albert Claywell Thomas on July 31, 1961 and moved to Moses Lake where Albert was farming alfalfa seed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Al, a brother Kay V Cockrell, and a sister Carmen Keeney. She is survived by her daughter Kate (Greg) McCormick and her grandson Kent Sasaki of Portland, Oregon.

Being on time was very important to Janell and she was never late to anything. She loved her grandson Kent and he spent many summers visiting her in Moses Lake. She was very opinionated and passionate about politics and was very good at crossword puzzles. Janell loved earrings, brightly colored clothing and anything that looked like or had butterflies painted on it. She enjoyed going to lunch at the China Buffet with her good friend Arlene. Janell was well known for her beautiful penmanship and she filled out church certificates for many years. She also loved doing genealogy and learning about her ancestors.

Graveside services will be held Friday, October 24, 2014 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Neal Manly officiating. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Service

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM (PT)

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Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Katy - your mom was always so nice when we spent time in her home. She was so kind and that smile just takes me back....may god comfort you in this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Lorna (Winona) Bilodeau

Lorna Bilodeau - October 28, 2014 at 02:44 PM

KM

Love you...call me, 971-207-4348

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 30, 2014 at 04:15 PM

LA

“ *To all Janelle's family and friends we send our love and heart felt condolences. Janelle was an example and kind mentor to me for many years. I always knew where I could go for a kind listening ear and a dose of courage to face life - to Janelle. Her good cheer and positive outlook were always a lift, and she always took such good care of herself and her home. She was a gentle and concerned friend but was forthright enough to "tell it like it is" sometimes. As we visited over the years I learned of her love for God's creations. How she loved the good and the beautiful - both in people and in things. She wrote letters weekly to some family and when they wrote back it was such a joy. I love writing letters, but from Janelle I learned how important these tangible bits of life can be. She reached out to others in this way and they reached out to her. She read and read again many times each letter. Special thanks to caregivers that blessed her life as she aged. I loved this sweet lady with all my heart.*

Love and prayers for all Linda Ames

Linda Ames - October 24, 2014 at 10:37 AM

KM

Thank you for sharing

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 24, 2014 at 08:53 PM

PH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss Katy. I loved spending time with Janell on Wednesday evenings, while my girls went to young women's. I love Janell and miss her. Petra*

Petra Hansen - October 23, 2014 at 09:41 PM

KM

Thank you

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 24, 2014 at 08:54 PM

AS

“ I had become acquainted with Janell and her daughter Kate some years ago. For me she had been like a mother and an older sister and our friendship had continued for almost 40 years. I would like to share a little about my dear friend: she liked dancing, politics, medicine (she worked at the hospital for a time), reading, cross-word puzzles, earrings, being punctual, having her clothing pressed and her appearance immaculate, and she was keen on etiquette. She could become very passionate and opinionated. She enjoyed eating out at her favorite restaurants and enjoyed going for rides. Her favorite holiday was Easter. She kept in constant contact with her sister, Carmen and her brother, Kay. She dearly loved her grandma and dad and it was very hard for her when they passed away. I'm sure their reunion must have been grand. Janell loved her daughter, grandson Kent and Sadao with great intensity. She especially enjoyed their visits and communications from them. When she became ill and unable to care for herself, it was a difficult transitional time for her. Thanks to her niece and nephew, Kathy and Don Turner it was made much more pleasant. She spent her last little while at the Columbia Care and Rehabilitation. Employees there as well as the patients were very good to her. She was a beautiful lady and even at 88 she was free of wrinkles. I will miss her and the times we had spent together. Arlene Starr

Arlene Starr - October 22, 2014 at 01:55 PM

KM

Beautiful.... We love you

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 22, 2014 at 04:47 PM

SG

You described her beautifully!- Stefanie Giles

stefanie giles - October 24, 2014 at 11:18 AM

DH

“ How very much I loved Janell. I feel badly though that I was not able to see her and partake of her sweet ways. Pauline Duvall and I were her visiting teachers for a long time and I always looked forward to going and seeing her. How gracious she always was. She was truly a person who lived her religion, kind to her friends and was a pillar of strength throughout her life. She had some heartbreak...one comes to my memory of her first husband just shortly after they were married, that he was killed in either WWII or Korean War. My heart burst with grief when she told me the story. A good woman who just kept putting one step in front of the other and kept on going . Oh, how I admire her. I feel terrible not knowing that she had been in a nursing home. I could have sent a card or a post card. I am most thankful that Janell had such a great friendship with Arlene Starr. A friendship that went on for decades and will continue one day through all eternity. I will miss you Janell. I will miss your laugh, your face how your eyes lit up when you talked; how appreciative you always were. You blessed my life and many lives of others.
Much Love, Deanna Hirz

Deanna Hirz - October 20, 2014 at 11:58 PM

KM

Mom and I adore you.....

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 21, 2014 at 10:07 AM

KM

“ Miss you mom



Katy Thomas McCormick - October 20, 2014 at 03:44 PM

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“ *Katy Thomas McCormick lit a candle in memory of Janell Thomas*



Katy Thomas McCormick - October 20, 2014 at 03:43 PM

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“ *Katy Thomas McCormick lit a candle in memory of Janell Thomas*



Katy Thomas McCormick - October 18, 2014 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Katy Thomas McCormick lit a candle in memory of Janell Thomas*



Katy Thomas McCormick - October 17, 2014 at 09:53 PM

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“ *This is her daughter Katrinka, "Katy" mom was in peace when she passed. I know she was thankful for all the care given to her the last 5 years. Arlene Starr, The Turner Family especially Kathy there are not enough words, thank you from Aunt Janell, Uncle Albert and cousin Katy. God bless you all.*

Katy Thomas McCormick - October 17, 2014 at 01:25 PM

SG

Janell was a wonderful family friend. I have fond memories of Janell growing up. She would hire us to pick her dandelions, mow her lawn and other odd jobs. We loved helping out but she always insisted on payment and as you all know you didn't say no to Janell! :) As she aged, my mother and father did everything they could to help keep her comfortable. I remember running many warm meals to her home at my mother's request. The food was always appreciated but even more so the visit that would follow. She would always invite me into the house and want to know how every member of the family was doing. Her name was fondly spoken of at our house and I grew up knowing that Janell was more than a friend but someone just as dear as a family member. You will be missed. -Stefanie (Starr) Giles, Othello, Washington

stefanie giles - October 24, 2014 at 11:28 AM

KM

Love you Stephanie

kate McCormick - October 25, 2014 at 02:41 PM