



Joanne R. Haugen

August 1, 1936 - July 13, 2012

Joanne Ruth Haugen, 75, a long time Moses Lake resident lost her long fought battle with cancer passing away on Friday, July 13, 2012. A memorial for Joanne will be held in Longview, Washington at a later date. 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, Moses Lake.

Mrs. Haugen was born August 1, 1936 in Chehalis, Washington. She enjoyed gardening, backpacking and loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

Joanne is survived by her husband Gary Haugen, Moses Lake; three sons, Kevin (Robin) Walthers, Richland, WA, Terry Walthers, Longview, WA, Andy (RaeAnn) Walthers of Shoreline, WA; three sisters, Lois Walters, Donna Doerge, both of Longview, WA, Julie Underhill, Roseburg, OR, one brother, John Steinbrink, Mukilteo, WA; four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Olive and John Steinbrink.

Tribute Wall



“*Joanne was the love of my life, she is everything to me. I can never fill the void she has left in my heart, so many memories, so many things we did together, she was my wife, my lover, my very best friend, I cannot even think of going someplace without her with me! 38 years we have been together, every year better then the last. After all the pain and suffering she endured I know she is in God's hands now, I will miss Jo terribly!##imported-begin##Gary Haugen##imported-end##*

July 20, 2012 at 03:06 PM



“*Joanne was a neighbor and Best Friend. Every time I take a picture or record a CD on my lon I will think of her. She taught me how to take better pictures and everything I need to know about recording with the lon. Bless her heart, she is now in a better place!##imported-begin##James Cummings##imported-end##*

July 19, 2012 at 09:34 AM



“*Gary, Terry, Kevin and Andy, my sympathy and prayers go out to you and your families. Joanne was a great lady! It's been a long time since i've seen her, but I can always remember her beautiful smile and the laugh that always went along with it. I have precious memories of her. Peace to you all and God Bless.##imported-begin##Brandi Sumner Irwin##imported-end##*

July 18, 2012 at 04:15 PM



“ Dear Gary and Family,
I am saddened by your loss but am confident that Joanne is now in Jesus loving care and feels no more pain nor tears and that you will see her again. May your grief be shortened by GOD's promise. In Christ, Jeannette###imported-begin##Jeannette Whaley###imported-end##

July 18, 2012 at 03:30 PM



“ Our love and prayer go out to her family. We used to going camping with her. She was a very special person and will be missed###imported-begin##Doug and Gretchen Horne###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 10:53 PM



“ I'm so glad I had the priviledge of meeting Joanne, such a warm and gentle spirit. I will always remember seeing Gary and Joanne show up at ACH basketball games and nobody knowing who they were. I finally went up to them and said, 'Just who are you?' A friendship was born at that moment. They were so supportive of our kids and communities. I know Joanne will be missed but so many lives have truly been blessed by hers.###imported-begin##Daphne Hennigh###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 12:19 PM



“ To Gary, Kevin, Terry and Andy,
I so sorry we were unaware of Joannes illness. She was an
amazing lady and a wonderful friend to our family for many years. I
will never forget our great camping trips and listening to music with
her and my mom. I'm sure they are having a wonderful
visit.##imported-begin##PAM SUMNER##imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 10:08 PM



“ JOANNE

My heart is aching, breaking, broken, for she has left us. My mental self says it is good for she is no longer in pain. My emotional self says, “NO”---I don't want her separated from us! My logical self says, “It is finished, nothing we can wish for will make it any different.” My spiritual self says, “Praise God, she has stepped through that curtain, she's on the other side and she now knows the peace that is promised by our Father.”

I will grieve this loss for the rest of my life, I'm sure, but I will remember day-by-day the laughter, jokes, and conversations we shared in our many years of history. I will see her pictures and remember the exact place and time they were taken. I will view her lovely trip DVD's and enjoy knowing how much she enjoyed those trips and then making beautiful memories for us all to share. I will frequently see her “art work” in cross-stitch hanging on my walls, or sitting on my tabletops, or on my Christmas tree, in an afghan, in patterns she shared with me, and some of the other beautiful items she created, and it will bless me to remember what a lovely, creative person she was while with us.

We have been so fortunate to have Joanne, all her life a fun-loving, happy person, whether when finding a snake in the grass and holding it up for all to see, or making up a game we could play as kids, or helping her little sister enjoy playing with her Dydee doll and even making a paste of crushed graham crackers and water to smear in the dollie's diaper. Oh, I thought she was fabulous to think of that and I still remember vividly how shocked and excited I was to see this!!! I remember how, as grown-ups, I was so thrilled to see that the walls of her home were covered with her beautiful stitching and pictures she loved---it made me realize that we were basically “cut from the same cloth” as I do the exact same thing in my home (only I had been feeling like maybe it was “too much”), and now I feel it is exactly the right thing to do—because JOANNE DID IT! Though separated by 3-1/2 years—a long time when you are small children—we shared many things, including a bedroom and even a bed for most of our growing up years. I remember how thrilled we were when we moved into a brand-new house on Larch Street in

Longview, and though we still shared a room, we had our OWN BEDS and Mama had made beautiful bedspreads for our brand-new beds in our brand-new house. Joanne was only there for a couple of years and then moved away from home, and left me all alone. While I loved that also, I really missed my sister.

Joanne was my sister and my friend, though there were many years when we did not really talk or correspond much; that was before e-mail. We were separated by distance for much of that time, but when we did get together, there was plenty of talking and laughter! Our reunions were always joyous for me. E-mail made a situation for us that was hard to ignore; it was so easy to carry on a nearly-daily conversation and share many things in our lives. I think we found an ingredient there that had been missing for many years, a chance to be more intimate and look further into each other's lives. A chance to share things we would never normally have a chance to share. I will miss so very much our nightly e-mails and will probably always, in my mind, be telling her things I think she should know! I will try not to berate myself for all the things I should have asked or told her when I had the chance. I will think of her and smile because she made me happy. She was a generous and creative woman. She was a good friend and confidant. She was loving and kind and sensitive. I will always remember her that way. I admired her SO MUCH and wished often that I could be closer to her where we could get together more often. I miss her; I love her. I thank God that we were put together in the same family and could have a genuine relationship later in life. I have been so blessed. (Julie Steinbrink Underhill)###imported-begin###Julie (and Gary) Underhill###imported-end###

July 16, 2012 at 02:29 PM



“ Joanne - just thinking of her & saying her name brings a smile to our faces because she always had one on hers. She was a person of special talents, from her C.D.'s of the many adventures she & Gary had been on over the years, & being able to choose the right music to compliment the photos was truly enjoyable to witness. This was especially true at our annual sibling reunions at Lincoln City, Oregon where he talents were truly entertaining. Joanne gave a whole new meaning to the term sibling & these last few years we became closer than ever. She was far more than a sister, she was & always will be a large part of our lives. She fought a courageous battle & her spirit will live within us forever. Though you have left us Joanne, you will never, ever be forgotten. Love you, Donna & Henry###imported-begin##Donna M. Doerge###imported-end##

July 16, 2012 at 12:06 PM



“ What a fantastic lady! I'm so blessed to have had Joanne in my life. I'm especially grateful to have reconnected with her and Gary last summer, I'll cherish that time. God Bless You All.###imported-begin##Kim Runkel###imported-end##

July 15, 2012 at 03:00 AM



“ Joanne was a special blessing to our family. She was always joyful and a great encouragement to us all. She will be greatly missed. She will continue to be in my prayers along with all or the wonderful family that she has left behind.

Love and God Bless all,
Phil###imported-begin##Phil Brill###imported-end##

July 14, 2012 at 08:34 PM