



JOYCE NINNEMAN

May 27, 1941 - May 23, 2024

Joyce Ninnemann, our loving mother, matriarch, mentor, and force of nature has passed from this world to be with her beloved husband, Jerry, in heaven. Joyce passed on May 23, 2024. Joyce was born in Yakima, Washington on May 27, 1941, to Ellen Sheets and Lloyd Wise. Depending on who you ask, she was either born moments before or after her twin sister Janice. Joyce and Janice were the oldest of three other siblings, Larry, Jane, and Randy Wise. Joyce was a constant and deep thinker and enjoyed exploring the mysteries of the universe. She joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Providence and while in the convent went to school at Seattle University to become a nurse. Joyce left the convent and soon met and married her love, Jerry, who coincidentally had almost become a priest.

Joyce and Jerry were married for 47 years and spent their lives raising their children Joe, Jennifer, Jeff, Kay a foster child, as well as many other foster children, and every kind of livestock imaginable. Loving memories were created together in Ballard, the Manastash Canyon near Ellensburg, Zillah and Moses Lake, Washington.

Joyce was a nun, nurse-practitioner, mental health professional and mentor, crisis response manager, school board member, gardener, orchardist, wild horse wrangler, friend, ever-guiding mother and grandmother. Joyce loved family and was extremely proud of her children, their spouses, and doted on her grandchildren Eli, Isaac, Peyton, and Jordyn.

Joyce loved family gatherings, giving presents, seeing her kids and

grandchildren succeed, reading the paper, and doing sudoku. She dedicated her life to serving others and providing help to those in need, primarily through her life as a mental health provider. Joyce will be remembered as a powerful force of intellect, presence, and love. She was a one-of-a-kind person, and one that will be missed and remembered.

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“ *My aunt was always loving, forgiving, and kind.
There was never anyone I ever met like her and my uncle Jerry
Aaron*

Aaron Yates - September 17, 2025 at 09:46 AM

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“ *Jennifer, Tom and family sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you
and family.*

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