



Joan Lee King

November 29, 1938 - May 27, 2017

Life Legacy

Joan L. King, age 78, passed away on Saturday, May 27, 2017 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Joan, who was known affectionately as Joni by her family and friends, was born in Hot Springs South Dakota on November 29, 1938 to Robert and Audrey Hough. The family relocated to Los Angeles, California, where she spent her younger years volunteering at the local stables in exchange for riding the horses she so loved. A graduate of University High School in Santa Monica, she made lifelong friends through her high school social group the "Lorelei's." In 1958 Joni attended Long Beach City College where a tall and handsome man named Jack King caught her eye. It was love at first sight and they married soon after in Seal Beach, CA on September 21, 1959. In November of 1960, they welcomed their first child, Leslie. The family settled in Placentia, CA in 1967 where they had two more children, Brian and Michelle. Her beloved Jack passed away in 1980 and that same year Joni started her career as a secretary at Brookhaven Elementary School, a job that she dearly loved and was tailor made for her nurturing and loving heart. She faithfully worked in the role for almost 30 years. Those years working at Brookhaven brought her many lifelong friends, as well as joy and meaning. She loved the thousands of students that she cared for over the years and they loved her in return. In addition to her job, Joni loved spending time with her grandchildren, riding horses, skiing, playing bridge, and traveling with her friends. Her strong faith

in God carried her through the trials and tribulations of her life, especially after her diagnosis. Joni is survived by her three children Leslie, Brian, Michelle (Matthew); and four grandchildren; Jonathan, Kailey, Rilee, and Audrey. Joan was preceded in death by her beloved husband Jack, and her parents. She will be remembered as a kind, loving and devoted mom not only to her own children, but to the many students whose life she touched, as well as a loyal friend and a fun and loving grandma. A memorial service will be held at Memory Garden Memorial Park and Mortuary on Friday, June 23, 2017 at 2:30pm. Following the service everyone is invited to join the family in celebration of Joni's life at El Torito Grill 555 Pointe Dr. Brea, CA 92621, (714) 990-2411. The King/Rutter families would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all the staff at Sunrise Senior Living in Fullerton for their loving care these last few years and her devoted friends that visited her often and brought her a lot of comfort and joy. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in Joni's name to the following organizations; Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch 19344 Innes Market Rd., Bend, OR 97703 or www.crystalpeaksyouthranch.org or to the Brookhaven Elementary School PTA c/o 1851 North Brookhaven Ave. Placentia, CA 92870 to go towards a scholarship in her name. Just note Joni King on the memo line.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **23**. 2:30 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary

455 W. Central Ave.

Brea, CA 92821

(714) 529-3961

info@memorygarden.com

<https://www.memorygarden.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss, I knew your Mom at Sunrise, as my Mothers name was Joan also, I walked your Mom out of my Moms room to hers many times. May they both be at peace now.

June 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ May you feel God's loving arms around each of you during this time. Our family had the honor of knowing Joni for 18 years while at Brookhaven. She was an amazing, loving, "mom" to many who was always so generous with her hugs. She will be truly missed. Loved by many, Our deepest sympathy

June 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Joni and I at Brookhaven Elementary and all the fun times with our little group after Brookhaven. So much laughter and pure joy. I will cherish them forever. Thank you Joni for all the wonderful hugs and for filling the void of my mom who passed so long ago. What a wonderful lady you were. We will be reunited some day. Leslie, Brian and Michelle, I will be praying for all of you. My deepest sympathy.

Kathy Simpson - June 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Joni, I have missed you ever since you went back to California. So grateful you stayed up here in Washington for awhile. Too bad I didn't know you loved horses like I did. We could have compared horse memories. Thank you for raising such a wonderful loving, kind, generous and fun loving daughter. She has been a blessing to our family. I am thankful I will see you again in Heaven where Jesus has made a place for us. At age 70 who knows how soon our reunion will be. Love you.

Linda Rutter - June 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WT

“ Joni

Wanda Twohy - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Leslie, Brian and Michelle my heart breaks for you all. Your mom was an Amazing lady! My childhood memories are special because of your family! Sending Hugs , Love and Prayers!

Peggy (Looney) Bennett - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I will always remember Joni and what a sweet caring person she was. My condolences to the family.

venita barnes - June 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Joan, you were a good friend for many years. You will be missed by all. Our condolences to your family; especially Michelle.

Joy and Doug Piper - June 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Joan, I've known you for fifty years. You were one of the kindest, sweetest and truly nice people I have ever met. My heart goes out to the whole family. You will be missed so very much. Love and sympathy to all.

Sharon Raines - June 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Forever in our hearts. Love you, Jean, Char and Indy

Jean Speakman - June 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Leslie, my condolence to you and your family. She will live in your heart forever, and you were a wonderful daughter.

Nina G - June 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM