



Joyce Marie Strain

March 13, 1948 - July 27, 2016

JOYCE STRAIN March 13, 1948 ~ July 27, 2016 Joyce Strain passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at the Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, WA. She was born on March 13, 1948 in Longview, WA. Joyce enjoyed many water sports, particularly water skiing and boating. She was an active snow skier, loved reading and attending Broadway shows. Joyce was an instructor for many years at Green River Community College in Auburn, WA before her illness. She was respected and loved by her colleagues and students alike. Joyce's greatest joy in life was her family, a family she always put first. She was our family's cheerleader in all we accomplished and achieved with our lives. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents Loraine and Burl Elliott. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Bob Strain from Renton, WA; her children, Tawnya Strain from New Mexico and Rob and Jen Strain from Shelton, WA. She is also survived by her grandson, Robbie Strain of Shelton and her sisters, Patti Wills and Brenda Gold, both from Vancouver. Joyce had nieces, nephews and many cousins who cherished her and numerous friends who loved her dearly. A memorial service for our Joyce will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 6, 2016, followed by a reception on site. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society , PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123. Please sign her guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits - See more at: <http://obits.columbian.com/obituaries/columbian/obituary.aspx?n=joyce-strain&pid=180844968&fhid=5644#sthash.qAAyLtwZ.dpuf>

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BB

“ From PTA parent to avid Husky fan she brought energy and enthusiasm to every situation. Our sympathy to her family, especially to the grandson she was so proud of.

Brian and Annabelle Berg - August 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Seeing the love shared between Joyce and her sisters, Patti and Brenda, always made me smile. There was such a strong bond there . . . they could always count on each other to be there no matter what the situation. I hope that memories of happier times together bring you, and the rest of Joyce's family, both comfort and peace. Joyce will always live in your hearts and in the hearts of those who knew her.

Gail Moen - August 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Joyce, the lady who lit up the room with her smile. One day I brought little baby Easton to visit Joyce words were not necessary. The eyes said it all, and her smile did the rest..

Connie Snider - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Bob and Tawnya, May your faith carry you both through this difficult time. My thoughts are of you and your family.

Kim Reichert - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ I first met Joyce when I was invited by her husband Bob to come to Renton to see him and his family. Bob and I served in the Army together. Joyce was a fantastic friend and treated me like family. I remember the walks we took getting to know one another. She was a Fine Lady who will be missed by all who knew her, especially me.

Richard (Dick) Kangas - August 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I returned to school after 15 years. It was a scary experience for me to return. Joyce was a teacher of mine and it was always a pleasure to enter her class and experience her beautiful smile, warm greetings, and wonderful teaching. I was able to obtain a job at GRC after graduation & Joyce was still a part of my life. She was very well loved and respected. I will miss her. My sympathies to her family. May God Bless you.

Marsha Medgard - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ I will always cherish the beautiful stories Brenda shared about her sister. What an amazing lady! May you all be comforted knowing the positive impact she played on so many lives! Her legacy will continue to live on!

Love, hugs, and prayers to all of you!

Robyn Yearout - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Joyce truly brought light into the room she was in. Her beautiful smile and happy heart will be missed.

chelsea s - August 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“Joyce was one of my all-time favorite instructors and a very well-liked presence on Green River's campus! She was helpful and kind, witty and uplifting, patient and persistent...I'm talkin' besides her wonderful abilities to teach others! Her support for students was remarkable, nothing short of outstanding...Joyce helped me achieve success! Her spirit has left an indelible mark in my heart and I am so grateful to have known her. My condolences to her family and friends...may your memories comfort and lift your spirits as you recall times spent with her.

Pamela Basquez - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“The years I spent working with Joyce at Green River College were truly a blessing. She and I served on a number of committees but the most fun committee was FCRC. I count her as a true friend and colleague and will sorely miss her, her awesome smile and her beautiful character.

Glen Martin - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HM

“I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of a great woman, Joyce. I had the privilege of working with her in the 90's and spent a lot of time walking on the treadmill during our lunch hour. We had great conversations! She was always happy, cheerful, and encouraging. I feel blessed to have known her and she made my life better for being in a circle of friends. Prayers with you all.

Hilary McCabe - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“Rest in peace. We will miss your lovely smile. God be with you.

John and Bonnie Beckwith - July 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“Joyce was such a wonderful friend and instructor at Green River College. I was the instructional secretary for her and the entire wonderful Business Division. We were family!! So sorry to hear this sad news. Mary Umphries

Mary - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“My deepest condolences. Joyce was a wonderful mentor and friend and will be missed. Tonya McCabe

Tonya McCabe - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“deepest sympathies from the entire Technology Division at Green River College.

Jeff McCauley - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“Beautiful, brilliant woman, amazing teacher and friend. RIP Joyce, my first teacher at GRCC, my friend, my mentor. You leave a legacy. Blessings to the family, Bob, Tawnya and Robbie, and all who were privileged to love and know her.

Liz Petersen - July 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM