



Catherine "Cathy" Juchmes

January 17, 1955 - June 27, 2016

CATHERINE ANN "CATHY" JUCHMES

Catherine Ann Juchmes died June 27, 2016 at her home in Wenatchee. She was born in Wenatchee on January 17, 1955 to Lawrence and Eva (Middleton) Juchmes. She grew up in the Farmer area on a wheat ranch and attended Happy Home and Withrow Grade School. She attended Junior High and High School in Waterville and graduated from Waterville High School.

Cathy loved horses and always dreamed of working with them. After high school, she attended a training school for that purpose. She later worked with two large area horse ranchers for a number of years before going out on her own. In 1992, Cathy started a therapeutic horse program called "Turning Points" to help disabled children. She was very proud of this program and its successes. She also helped set up the wrangler program at Sun Mountain Lodge.

For the last 30 years, Cathy was a Para Pro at Pioneer Middle School helping children with learning disabilities. She took classes and became certified in American Sign Language. This helped her at school and with the horse program.

Cathy shared her love for horses with her nieces and nephews, teaching them to ride. This also ensured her future riding companions. She was also quick to

recruit friends and family for riding trips.

She was preceded in death by both parents, one sister, Mary; three brothers Ed, Bobby and Harry. She is survived by two sisters: Marie (John) Cadigan and Fran (Jim) Maloney-Rayburn; four brothers: Dave (Kathy), Jim (Marcia), Jerry (Lynn) and Paul (Julia); sister-in-law Mary Juchmes, and numerous neices and nephews. She is also survived by her longtime canine companion, McGuyver.

Memorials may be made in Cathy's name to the Humane Society.

A Memorial service will be scheduled for a later date. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ It's been about 25 years since I saw Cathy, but I never forgot her and never will. Cathy's smile and her special brand of humour, good will towards others, and passion for her work with horses and kids made a huge impression on me when I was one of those kids myself. I'm living in Ireland now, working with horses, and hoping to keep living up to all the faith she showed in the shy, quiet kid that I was then. You've galloped on ahead of us, old friend, where we can only hope to follow. Somehow, I think you'll still be watching over us, making sure all is well. Til we meet again-Happy Trails

Carmel O'Callaghan - July 22, 2016 at 07:31 PM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. She will be greatly missed in the Wenatchee Valley, and also in this region. I got to know Cathy a number of years ago, when she fought breast cancer. I had the honor of being her Oncologist during that time. She was so positive, and helped so many others with her smile and attitude. When she would talk about the programs of helping others and her work with horses, the room lit up. I will also remember how much Cathy loved her family....she told me many times of her gratitude to her parents and siblings.
Julie Smith

Julie Smith - July 05, 2016 at 08:39 AM

MT

I worked with Cathy at Pioneer. We would trade jokes, and support each other. We both love horses and would talk endlessly about them. She had her many trials lately, but it didn't keep her down for long. Cathy, God speed. Jesus does love you. I will miss you. Mary Ellen.

Mary Ellen Thomas - July 18, 2016 at 06:51 PM

RC

“ I have had the privilege of knowing Cathy for the past 28 years, our conversations and interactions always centered around horses. From trail rides for Dick and Claude, helping start my school horse training program, to keeping her Icelandic stud colt one winter I always enjoyed being in her presence and learning things from her viewpoint on horses, kids, and life. Go Easy, Sweetie.

Rod Cool - July 03, 2016 at 11:35 PM

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Antje Hoff - July 02, 2016 at 01:13 PM

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Antje Hoff - July 02, 2016 at 01:07 PM

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“ Cathy was my mentor for many Summer's running horse camps around the state. She taught me how to be practical, safe and to "set my students up" for success. She taught me so many things that have applied to my life beyond camp and horses. I'm so grateful I got to know this incredible human. "I LOVE how you have your heels down on Lefty!" Happy Trails Cathy 💙

Antje Hoff - July 02, 2016 at 01:00 PM

LS

“ Cathy and I met in 1979 working at a Summer Camp in Carnation WA. We were immediately friends. She touched my heart and soul. We had a special connection that lasted thru the years. Visits few and far between, but always at least one phone call and a Christmas card every year. Cathy had the ability to see people for who they really were. She always saw the good and said to me once " If given the chance most people will always do the right thing. You just have to give them the chance" She was like that with horses also. Every horse had something to offer. Every horse was a gift! She said to me, " Show the horse the way and he will go...and never forget, usually the horse knows the way so its your job to stay out of the way" :)

I loved her like a sister. I will miss her friendship and cherish the memories and life advice forever!!

Lisa Snyder

Lisa Snyder - July 01, 2016 at 06:22 PM

NJ

I will miss Cathy.. you gave your heart & soul to helping children with disabilities & other issues learn the joy & freedom of being astride a magnificent 4 legged friend called a horse!💖💙💜 Cathy.. we will miss your happy smiles..kind teaching ways & wise ideas! Dear friend, we will meet again..💜...

Nancy Jagla - July 03, 2016 at 01:36 PM

AD

Sucy a pretty young lady

Alice RR Dodd - July 18, 2025 at 12:04 AM

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Lisa Snyder - July 01, 2016 at 06:09 PM

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Lisa Snyder - July 01, 2016 at 06:00 PM

DB

“ *Cathy will be missed very much. I spent many summers living in a cabin in Twisp doing wilderness horseback trips with Cathy. Some of my best memories to this day come from those summers. She was always there to take care of us and teach us how to take care of ourselves. Her patients with us being teenagers went above and beyond. She has touched the lives of many and will be missed greatly.*

*God Bless
Dave Blue*

Dave Blue - July 01, 2016 at 12:15 AM

EV

I met Cathy about 24 years ago, when she led my daughter and her friends on a birthday trail ride, out pass Malaga and then most recently working with her at Pioneer when I was called to substitute with special needs kids. I enjoyed our times of conversation of horses and spiritual matters concerning her health and her relationship with Jesus. Last fall Cathy prayed to receive Jesus as her Lord and Savior! Cathy Jesus Loves and I'm sure when your eyes met it was totally awesome!

Ernie Valdez - July 01, 2016 at 04:44 PM

PS

Cathy taught me a ton about working with horses and nearly twice as much about myself, always with respect. She will be missed.

Perry Smid - July 03, 2016 at 06:14 PM

MM

Loved Cathy ,havent seen her in years, But in my younger days We as kids would go out to the Juchmes place in waterville and ride Horses. My uncle Charlie used to be married to marie. Im so Glad to her Cathy received Jesus as her Lord and savior , It made my day. See you in Heaven someday Cathy, God Bless the Juchmes Family.

Michael Mills - July 03, 2016 at 07:21 PM

BO

Wow. What a loss. kathy was an important link between the real world and the horse world we all know and love.. Her mission in life was to share and educate. Her motive was unselfish. She only hope some how someone would see it as she did. Shril be hard to replace and our youth will never get the chance to learn from her wisdoms. We will all miss her

bobisenhart@gmail.com - July 03, 2016 at 09:19 PM



I am posting this Beautiful message for & written by my niece until she can post it herself...

Teresa Eddings with Matthew Eddings.

I am so deeply saddened by this. I don't know what happened. i knew cathy growing up in the horse world and spent alot of time in the saddle with her. She was truly an inspiring person. She saw everyone for who they were and wasn't afraid to let the world know who she was, she believed that given the chance, people will always do the right thing. She lived by that. She never said a cross word about anyone and i admired that. She had a way with children, horses and dogs that ive never seen in someone before. That in itself is such a gift. Just as she thought horses were. She touched so many hearts. I learned so much about life from her the last summer i worked packing in the high Country. Cathy was an angel on earth. You will be so greatly missed. God has a way of bringing them home sooner than we like. Your legacy will live on in the fresh scent of a high country meadow, the sound of thundering hooves on the beaten path, the sweet smell of sweaty horse and wet blankets, the coyotes yipping in the distance, the jingle of my spurs in every step, the smile of every child we give their first horsback ride to, the taste of every dutch oven cooked meal, and the kindness of our hearts.

Suzy RoseMarie Henson - July 04, 2016 at 01:06 AM

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My heart is sick today as I think of the loss of Cathy. She touched many not just by her love and knowledge of horses but also her kindness of all people, her no nonsense work ethic and her authenticity. I cherish my memories on the road and on horse back with Cathy.

Kym Nelson (cyo) - July 21, 2016 at 10:52 AM