



Joan M. Koffel

April 28, 1935 - December 8, 2016

Joan M. Koffel, 81, passed away December 8, 2016 with her daughters by her side. She was born to Cecil and Louise (Lilienthal) White April 28, 1935 at home in Mt. Vernon, WA on the family dairy farm. Joan graduated MVHS in 1953 and married Don Nystrom in January 1954. While raising 5 children she earned her BA in education from WWU in 1973. Joan had a huge heart and gave freely of her time and energy to countless families in need. She was most proud of her job as “mother,” as well she should have been. She married Gerald Koffel in 1979. They later divorced. Joan moved to Wenatchee in 2006 and was blessed with a wonderful circle of friends. We are eternally grateful to these beautiful women who loved, entertained, and enjoyed Joan. She loved you all. Thank you so much.

Joan was predeceased by her sons, Dave (1978) and Dan (2010); parents Cecil and Louise White; brother, Richard White, and sister, Ann Fernie Larsen. She is survived by daughters Julie Swilley (Frank); Jean Sherman (Al); Janice Turner (Daryl); daughter-in-law Doreen Nystrom; stepson Steve Koffel; stepdaughter Jane Jones; sister-in-law Marlene Hirz; 11 grandchildren, special nieces and nephews, and love, partner-in-crime and very dear friend, John Oehrle of Palm Springs, CA.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 28, 2017 2:00-4:00 pm at Hillcrest Park Lodge, 1717 S. 13th Street, Mount Vernon, WA. Please feel free to bring a hors d'oeuvres, dessert, or salad to share. Arrangements are by Jones &

Jones – Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 28. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Hillcrest Park Lodge
1717 S 13th St
Mount Vernon, WA 98274