



Joanne Ruby Thornock

June 6, 1946 - June 23, 2020

Joanne was born in Independence, Iowa, to C. Virgil & Mary Eleanor (Kleckner) Foster during the baby boom on June 6, 1946, following the Great Depression. Joanne was raised on a farm in Iowa then Nebraska before moving to Fruita, Colorado, at the age of 6. When she was 16 her mother died of cancer. She and her older brother, Howard, helped their father raise chickens, sheep, corn, and alfalfa. Her dad built a dehydrator plant to make pellets from the alfalfa, which burned down just as it began to turn a profit. To make payments, he worked as a custodian at their high school where he watched his children mature. Joanne was in marching band and a fire baton twirler before graduating from high school in 1964. She attended Western State College and graduated from Central Business School in Denver where she met Tony Thornock from Emmett, Idaho; whom she married on July 23, 1966. They had two children, Marece (1968) and Ty (1970), whom they raised in a house built with their own hands in Longmont, Colorado. Joanne & Tony were baptized in 1972 by Bob Willis at the Longmont Church of Christ where they served the congregation as teachers, organizers and with Tony as a deacon and elder. Joanne worked for VW Dealership as a bookkeeper, Home Interiors as a sales rep, St Vrain Valley School District as a health aid, Shop & Save as a cashier then department manager, and May D & F as a department manager. After 25 years, they moved to Austin, Texas, for 18 years where she continued her career as a manager with Foley's then Brighton Collectibles and Tony with IBM, NCDi, and Tivoli in IT. She also became "Mimi" to 6

grandchildren: Malynn (22 married to Paul Wodka), Alexander (18) & Alayna Clark (18) of North Carolina; and Nicole (20), Emily (18) & Breleigh (12) Thornock of Wisconsin. After their retirement, they moved to Athens, Alabama. In everyplace they lived, they served the Church of Christ congregation, creating lifetime friends, and organized many adventures for the Prime Timers. She also served 2 years on the board of directors for Athens Ladies Civitan Club & as co-chair of onion sales, participated in activities at the Decatur Senior Center, and was Anthony Thorn's sales rep. On the morning of June 23, 2020, she was lifted up to heaven from her home surrounded by family. Her visitation will be held at Central Church of Christ on Friday, June 26 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM and memorial service will be at Central Church of Christ in Athens on Saturday, June 27 at 2:00 PM. She will lie in state from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the church with graveside service immediately following at Roselawn Cemetery.

Donation can also be made to Central Church of Christ Prime Timers in Mrs. Thornock's memory.

https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/58635>https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/58635

(Please note in memo "In memory of Joanne)

Tribute Wall

RT

“ *Joanne Ruby Thornock*

Rose Thorn - July 20, 2020 at 06:19 PM

DK

“ *Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with the m.*

Dave and Eilee Keller - June 27, 2020 at 03:24 PM

BB

“ *One thing that always comes to mind when I think of Joanne is that she had a passion for whatever undertaking she got involved in. So many memories but special one was when she completely decorated Larry's truck in the IBM parking lot in Bronco memorabilia. I wonder how long it took her to collect all that stuff. She got caught by the security officer and I think she talked him into helping her. Micki -53 & Bryon-52 remembers when she took them with her babies to Denver and stood in line for hours to buy tickets to see Elvis, they were only 3 or 4. Tony told her that if she screamed he was out of there. So guess what she did? Screamed!!! She and Tony were major helpers in helping us build our own house. I'll always hold a special place in my heart for you. Goodbye old friend! I'll keep your family in my prayers. Bobbie Bending*

Bobbie Bending - June 26, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ My mother (Joanne Thornock) has always been truly passionate about giving herself to others. One area she felt Passionate about serving others was our elderly. At Central Church of Christ in Athens she devoted herself serving in a group called “Prime Timers“. At the request of her family we would like any contributions individuals desire to place in her name go to Central Church of Christ Prime Timers. This will further the work for others in her name. You can make this contribution at: https://tithely.com/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/58635 Please place in the note “In memory of Joanne Thornock”. God Bless you, The Thornock family.

Ty Thornock - June 25, 2020 at 02:14 PM

SN

“ Sending our most heartfelt condolences to Marece, Cameron, Malynn, Xander, and Alayna. Love, The Norfleet family

Suzanne Norfleet - June 25, 2020 at 01:10 PM

MR

“ We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. Joanne will remain in our hearts forever.

Mary Rue - June 24, 2020 at 04:55 PM

TS

“ Dear Tony and family. May our lord and savior bring comfort at the loss of your wife and mother. Fred and Jeannie. Becky. Bryon and Shirley

The Hubbards - June 24, 2020 at 04:50 PM

MR

“*Joanne's parents & my Aunt Viola's family knew each other in Nebraska. When both families ended up in Fruita, Colo, my Aunt became Joanne's babysitter. Since Aunt Viola lived next to us, Joanne and I began our wonderful friendship. Kindergarten onwards. We made hundreds of mud pies, spent nights talking, laughing as Joanne drove North Ave. As we got older, she met her sole mate, Tony and her second chapter started. How she loved Tony and her family! I cried with her when her mother died, I cried when she got married and now again as she journey's to heaven. She will make the angels happy with her energy, joy, and love. Her friendship will live forever in my heart. Till we meet again. Mary*

Mary Rue - June 24, 2020 at 04:44 PM

TS

“*"Joanne Thornock" will remain in our hearts forever. With a smile smile on our faces and love in our hearts. Marlene , Brian & Tony Bergman*

Tribute Store - June 24, 2020 at 02:57 PM