



Joyce Cooke

June 23, 1941 - August 5, 2012

Joyce Augusta Cooke was called home to her Heavenly Father at the age of 71 on Aug. 5, 2012, while at home in Prescott, Ariz. She passed from the rapidly progressive complications of rheumatoid arthritis. She was born on June 23, 1941, in Tucson, Ariz. Joyce graduated from the University of California - Irvine. Joyce dedicated 25 years of her life loving and caring for adults with developmental disabilities. She retired as Program Coordinator for the Hozhoni Foundation/Prescott in 2012. Joyce was an active member of AA for 46 years and was dedicated to assisting alcoholics in their sobriety. Joyce shared her rigorous honesty with many in recovery. Her personal journey touched the lives of many alcoholics. She had a unique way of saying "if she could stay sober, then anyone could, one day at a time." Joyce was the perfect example of accepting the things you cannot change. Joyce's legacy would be to share a good story with others in laughter and love. She had a long time dream to visit Alaska. Her dream came true with a two-week cruise/visit to Alaska in 2009. She enjoyed the trip in "Cooke" style, riding a raft 13 miles down the Kenai River. Family was so important to Joyce. While in a nursing home, she even tried, in vain, to attend her brother's 80th birthday party. She always felt she was a disappointment to the women in the family because she did not have a calling to stay in the house to cook and clean. She much preferred to be in the fields on a tractor with her brother. Joyce was preceded in death by her father, Thomas W. Cooke; her mother, Opal J. (Wheeler) Cooke; and her sister, Phyllis Jones. She is survived by her best friend and partner in crime, Maggie Gullede; sister Doris Engler of Payson, Ariz.; and brothers Tommy Cooke (Mickey) and Joe Cooke (Bonnie,) all of Bowie, Ariz. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and friends too numerous to count who loved her and will miss her, as well as all of her furr kids. Joyce's life will be celebrated 11a.m. Saturday, August 18, 2012 at the Heights Church, 2121 Larry Caldwell Drive in Prescott. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hozhoni Foundation, Inc., 2133 N. Walgreen St., Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Comments



“ Joyce
you helped a lot of people . you will be miss sorry I will be out of town and can not attend services

new york jimmy - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I will miss you, Joyce. We were friends for a long time and I loved playing with all the new puppies. I hope you have a world full of puppies to play with now.

Janice Walden - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce was a wonderful friend and employer for over 14 years, and I will miss visiting her on our trips to Prescott.

Inez & Alan VanHook - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce always had the biggest, brightest, most sincere smile, greeting us with warmth and enthusiasm rather it'd been a week or years since we last met up.

Loved her humor, deep love for her precious dogs, tender guidance for those in her care at the Hozhoni Foundation...and especially her devotion and loyalty to her best friend Maggie.

Admired her strength and determination in which she met the great challenge of RA...she never let it get the best of her, and continued to celebrate life and plan new adventures.

With love, sympathy and gratitude of Joyce's friendship.

Ron and Judy King

Ron and Judy King - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept my heart-felt sorrow in hearing of Joyce's passing. She was a good friend of my sister, Ruth, and I have many memories of times spent in our hometown of Bowie. She will be greatly missed.

Larry

Larry Lagle - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce, I am Blessed to have known you these past few years & sure wish I could have known you more. The memories that friends & families have shared show the impact you made on so many. You were truly a witness in your unconditional love and dedication to your passion for anyone in need, as well as your family & friends. You displayed amazing strength in your struggles with RA, but you prevailed & all could see the strength you claimed from your Lord & Savior! I was honored to be a part of that day in December 2011 when you gave your heart to Jesus & I am so happy that you are reigning forever with HIM!
Your sense of humor sure touched many as well! I still laugh when I think of what you said to me when I visited you at the nursing home after getting a makeup makeover-- Gee, you look so nice-I don't think you should wash that off! Ha ha!
I know you know that Maggie will be fine, surrounded in love by her sisters in Christ & of course, I will be her forever friend!
I love & miss you Joyce!
Teresa

Teresa Rochon - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce,
I will miss you. I had hopes of getting to know you more, but I enjoyed the time that we had & so glad you liked the butterflies! I know Jesus is taking good care of you!
Love,
Catherine

Catherine Larson - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Joyce was like a cat with 9 lives as far as survival goes. She never ceased to AMAZE me. She always had a bright smile and was always sensible and kind. Apparently, she had her silly days when she was younger. Best thing that ever happened to Maggie. She will be missed. She is loved by many. Judy

Judy Gindhart - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM