



Joyce Marilyn Peterson

July 12, 1931 - July 10, 2020

Joyce Marilyn Peterson, deeply loved wife and mother, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side, just two days before her 89th birthday.

Born in Virginia, MN to Andy and Edna (Rodby) Larson, Joyce enjoyed a happy childhood in this small but bustling community. She graduated from Virginia's Roosevelt High School in 1949.

Joyce was first married to Floyd Jaros, starting a family while completing her teaching degree at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. She was a second grade teacher in Cloquet, MN for 12 years. She was known for her kindness and appreciated by both her students and their parents.

In 1982, Joyce married Dean R. Peterson, and the two of them enjoyed 38 wonderful years together. Joyce and Dean spent many years traveling near and far, before settling in Deming, NM, where she was very active in the Luna Mimbres Museum as the gift store

manager for 15
years.

Joyce is survived by her loving husband Dean, daughters Kelly Jo Burke and Kimberly Kay

Jaros, stepson Haldane Peterson, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joyce was

preceded in death by her son, Kevin Larson Jaros, and her brother, Gary Larson.

Joyce had a special gift for teaching children, enjoyed volunteer work at the museum, history related travel, gardening and a deep love for animals.

Memorial contributions can be made to
the Humane Society of Central Oregon.

Tribute Wall

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“ Joyce & Dean shared our love of history at the Luna Mimbres Museum in Deming. Our mutual love of dogs brought us close when Joyce convinced Dean to open their home to a dog. Dear Ladyfair was so thrilled with her new humans she blessed them with two pups! Since Joyce had never had a female dog, learning the canine mothering skills was fun, even if puzzling at times. We adopted one of the pups and our combined packs enjoyed walks, obedience classes, and visiting. Joyce always treated everyone with love and respect. Her dinner parties were famous in Deming. My husband passed before Joyce this year and I'm sure those two are discussing life and those they left behind right now. I look forward to the time we meet again. Rest in peace Joyce.

Mary Hunnicutt - September 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have nothing but beautiful memories of Joyce in all the activities she shared in at Snowberry with Dean. Our small group of 4 still plays pinochle and will recall those good ol days. Joyce was truly a living angel among us. Laura recalls her as her dunking cooky buddy. Our Love and prayers to Dean and famiy. Frank and Laura Krupicka

Frank and Laura Krupicka - July 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM