



**Joyce Marie Artemis**  
*August 24, 1941 - May 14, 2009*

Joyce Marie Artemis, 67, passed away Thursday May 14, 2009 from the loving arms of her family to the welcoming embrace of her Lord and Savior who had prepared a place in his Father's home especially for her, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Joy was born August 24, 1941 in Los Angeles to Beth and Basil Worthen. After her family moved to Colorado, she attended Golden High School and the University of Denver. It was in Golden that she met the love of her life and future husband, George Artemis, whom she married October 15, 1960. After being blessed with a beautiful daughter and future valedictorian Stephanie, and a wonderful son and future state wrestling champion Andrew, they decided to move to Salmon, Idaho in 1972 to enjoy small town life in an idyllic setting surrounded by mountains, wildlife and generous, friendly people. A country girl at heart, she and her husband built a home on a ranch outside of town where their children were raised and their grandchildren entertained. Joy worked in the Salmon school system as a secretary for 30 years at Pioneer and Brooklyn schools before retiring in 2002. She truly enjoyed her job as it enabled her to be involved in and play a part in helping to shape the lives of hundreds of children. With unconditional devotion to her husband, children, family, community and friends, combined with talent, intellect and a passion for educational and personal enlightenment, Joy profoundly touched the lives and hearts of all who knew her. After retirement, she focused her attention on the lives of her son and daughter and her five grandchildren, which she took great pride in, her artwork, and also to the llamas she raised on their ranch. Joy loved crafts and quilting and was quite accomplished at both. She was a Past President of the Salmon Arts Council and active in both gardening and quilting groups. Having married a man who was a former wrestler and football coach, she also became an ardent wrestling fan and lifelong supporter of the Denver Broncos, while she transferred her love of fishing and the outdoors to him. She loved to travel and made many trips with family to Greece where lifelong memories were made. Family heritage was important to Joy, and she made sure that each of her grandchildren was able to accompany her and George to Greece to visit historical sites and connect with distant relatives. She also enjoyed trips to the Oregon coast with her husband and friends, and vacations with her grandchildren to such varied places as Yosemite National Park, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, the Alamo, Las Vegas and Disneyworld. Preceded in death by her parents, she is survived by her husband George S Artemis of Fairview, TX and Salmon, ID; daughter Stephanie Winfrey of Allen, TX; son Andrew Artemis of Sparks, NV; five grandchildren, Charlie V, Brynna and Benjamin of Allen, TX, and Michael and Lacey of Sparks, NV; one brother and two sisters including Robbie

Smith of Salmon; numerous nephews and nieces; and many wonderful, devoted and loving friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Joy's memory to the Salmon Arts Council 200 Main Street Salmon, ID 83467, or to the charity of your choice.

## Memorials

*It is difficult to loose a mother especially one adored by the family.*

**BETTY REICHEL, MAY 22, 2009**

*To George and family, We are so sorry for your loss, Joy will be missed so by all that knew her. Please know that that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**KEN & GINNY BELLER, MAY 20, 2009**

*We were so sorry to hear of Joy's passing. Joy was such a wonderful person and our thought and prayers are with the entire family, especially George.*

**ED AND WENDIE PETERSON, MAY 18, 2009**

*I remember Joy as one of the most cheerful people who I have ever known. She was positive and loving. It is so hard to lose two great friends--Kathie & Joy--within the last year. They were best of friends who leave their wonderful husbands who will need to go on with the help of their families and friends. Joy was a classy lady who loved life and was so proud of her family. Our prayers go out to you. Love, Kay & Ed*

**KAY ANN SMITH, MAY 17, 2009**

*George and family. Our hearts go out to you at this time. Joy was such a wonderful person to know and be around. Hope you will remember to good times and not the suffering and pain. Love to all. Laura and Bob Hendricks*

**LAURA AND BOB HENDRICKS, MAY 17, 2009**

*I will never forget the crazy, fun, road trip that Joy, Kathy Cramer and I had to Arizona in the red convertible. Utah will never be the same, and happily neither will I. There is a place in my heart for Joy...I send my love and condolences to the family Jeannie Warner*

**JEANNIE WARNER, MAY 17, 2009**

*While we only knew her for a short time, just a moment, she was a blessing in our lives and we miss her so.*

**HENRY & SASHA KAPLAN, MAY 16, 2009**

*Our thoughts and love go out to all of you; Joy brought joy to many with her sense of humor, laughter and patience. We will always remember good times spent together; and George, I so appreciate you and Joy stopping by the house last fall.*

**CLAIR & JIM WILEY, MAY 16, 2009**

*I remember Joy's caring so about justice and the oppressed which fueled her interest and activity in Democratic politics. She had just taken on the duties of precinct captain when she was diagnosed with her illness. We will miss her sorely in so many ways. George, I especially heart you at this time. Love, Bernie*

**BERNADINE L BERRY, MAY 16, 2009**

*such a fun loving lady!! she always made me feel good about myself I felt she was very classy, and understanding and generous . she will be missed a lot. I'm sure that Kathy Cramer and she will have a lot to do in heaven. George, we are so sorry for your lose. Love from Lila and Billy*

**LILA JEAN KING, MAY 16, 2009**

*Our thoughts & prayers are with George, Stephanie & Andy. We so enjoyed visiting with George & Joy, last time we were in Texas. Charles & Meredith*

**CHARLES & MEREDITH WINFREY, MAY 15, 2009**

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