



Johanna Marie Metzgar

May 25, 1960 - June 20, 2017

Johanna Metzgar, age 57, of Stockton, Missouri, passed away Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at Citizens Memorial Hospital, in Bolivar Missouri.

Johanna is survived by: her three daughters, Cookie Rael, her husband Zach, and children, Lichelle, Diego, and Santiago, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Angel O'Keefe, her fiancée Patrick Houtz, and children, Ashton, Greyson, Olivia, Carson, and Liam, of Bolivar, and Teresa Rael, her husband Isaac, and children, Kayden, Ty, Malachi, and Adaline, of Stockton, Missouri.

Our mother's love was the first thing we ever experienced. We exist because she harbored us within her and brought us into this world. Now, we must go on existing by harboring her memory within us.

Jo Metzgar was a woman no one could forget. Everyone loved her as soon as they met her, and they simply never let her leave their thoughts. Throughout our childhood, our mom would tell us how we should be respectful, be kind, and be compassionate. She would teach us about the smallest of things, and she would guide us through our biggest trials. Through our toddler phases of snuggles and giggles, our adolescent phases of distance and rebellion, even the teen years, she would never skip a day of telling us how much we meant to her. In our adult years, she became our best friend.

She had numerous talents and positive attributes. She adored her fur babies, especially her dogs. She was a great writer and wonderfully expressive. She had a knack for art that blew others away. She was capable of being silent and calm or lighting up the whole room with her sense of humor and one of a kind laugh. She was loving, versatile, ambitious, sassy, funny, and wonderful. She will be forever missed, but equally celebrated. We have no choice but to feel grateful that we got the honor of holding her hand growing up and then sharing her with the world as time went on. After her passing, it only became more apparent the amount of impact she had on this world. People came from all over and reached out to share fond memories of her, as well as deep grief to see her go.

No matter where our lives lead us, she will be there, now. God chose our guardian angel for us on June 20, 2017. There is no one better for the job. Our mom - your boss, friend, coworker, acquaintance, client, wife, sister, aunt, or grandma - will remain the light on the horizon after each day. She will be the beautiful birds flying by and the stars at night. She is gone from us, but she will not be forgotten.

“I have thought and thought.... mom was an amazing artist and shared her talent with me. She gave me the passion for art. She also showed me how to love living creatures great, small, ugly, and beautiful. I wouldn't have such a love for animals without her.” -Cookie

“Mama Bear, I will never stop wanting your hugs, but instead I will share them with my kids, now. I will never stop wanting to call you at the end of the day, but I will call my other family members more, now. You said your mission in this world was to bring us all closer to God, and you did that. You also taught us the meaning of love. I value my family more, and I strive to make the same impact on this world that you did. I love you endlessly, mommy. I always will.”
—Angela

“Momma, you were the centerpiece that my world revolved around. You spent your life making sure I knew how much you loved me, no matter where I was at or what I was doing. You talked me through every obstacle and stood by me through every decision I made, right or wrong. I need you like I need air. I love you more than any words can describe. I will look for you in the sunsets and feel you in the breeze. I will keep your memory alive in your grandchildren and spend the rest of my days loving them the way that you loved me.” -Teresa

Tribute Wall



“ *Johanna Marie Metzgar*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Johanna Marie Metzgar*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Jo & I were best friends & coworkers in Albuquerque. We spent years making memories & watching Cookie grow. My deepest condolences to Jo's family for the loss of such a wonderful, warm & fun loving person. We were all privileged to know her.*

'Don't cry because it's over...smile because it happened.'

Debbie - June 28, 2017 at 06:43 PM



“ *Jackie and John purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Johanna Marie Metzgar.*



Jackie and John - June 27, 2017 at 09:40 AM

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“ JUST WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH JO MENT TO ME. SHE WAS A GREAT BOSS BUT A BLESSED FRIEND. LET HER LIGHT CONTINUE ON. WE WILL ALL MISS HER.
MARY ALICE ANSTINE

MARY ALICE ANSTINE - June 26, 2017 at 07:01 PM

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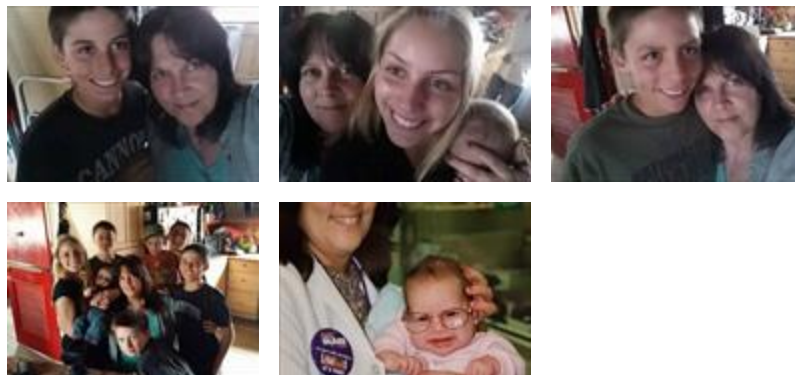
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Guy - June 24, 2017 at 10:35 AM

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“ 12 files added to the album New Album Name



Cookie Rael - June 23, 2017 at 06:19 PM



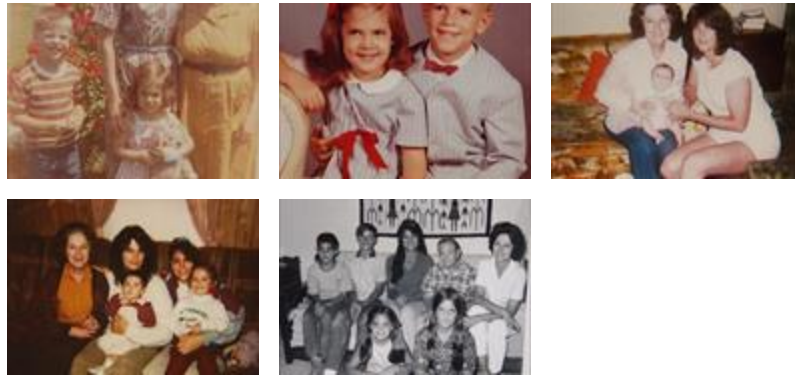
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Johanna Marie Metzgar.



June 23, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Mike Guy - June 23, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ To the family and friends of Johanna please accept my deepest condolences. Gone but not forgotten a wonderful promise and God's word the Bible for the loved ones we have lost in death Isaiah 25:8.

Sacramento Landrum - June 23, 2017 at 01:51 PM

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“ From Auntie Anne and Uncle Ted purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Johanna Marie Metzgar.



From Auntie Anne and Uncle Ted - June 23, 2017 at 01:06 PM

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“ You were my best friend, Mom. I need you. I miss you more than I could have ever imagined. My heart is aching and my mind keeps racing. I know you feel no pain and that is the only thing that brings me comfort. Thank you for making me who I am. Thank you for loving me until your last breath. I will spend the rest of my life making you proud. I love you, Mommy.

Teresa Rael - June 22, 2017 at 12:18 PM

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“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy. May those precious memories be foremost in your hearts and minds during this difficult time.
Isaiah 25:8

Jackson Family - June 21, 2017 at 05:52 AM