



JoAnn M. Cannon

October 4, 1934 - February 4, 2021

JoAnn (Jodie) M. Holroyd Cannon passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 4, 2021. She was born October 4, 1934 to Paul and Mildred Holroyd in Denver, Colorado.

Jodie loved kids. She was passionate about young people and spent 30 years of her life working with kids at Poudre High School. As office manager, she worked for six principals. She was a force of nature, or as one of her grandsons said, "She was a pocket full of firecrackers." Family always came first with Jodie. She gave generously of her time to each and every one of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Jodie was a Boettcher scholar in the award's inception and valedictorian of at North High in Denver. Education was important to her, and she passed that belief on to her family. She felt every situation presented an opportunity for growth. An avid reader, a lover of sports, an unbelievably lucky slot machine player, and a happy traveler, she enjoyed many different interests in her life. She was Josh Groban's number one fan and loved Peyton Manning and Rod Smith of the Broncos, and Larry Bird of the Celtics. No one could call her during NCIS as she was a big fan of Gibbs. She was a huge fan of the Duke Blue Devils and Coach K, which earned her the nickname, Coach J. She was still close with a group of friends she had from kindergarten. Above all, she was a kind, intelligent person who genuinely cared about fairness and doing right. The hole she leaves in our family is immense.

Jodie was preceded in death by her husband, Don in 2011, and she is survived by her four children, Cheryl Beery (Dave, deceased), Diane Idler (Darwin), Terri Berger (T.S.), and Jeff Cannon (Diane); her grandchildren, Paul Cross, Brad Cross, Erin Van Galder (Kevin), Ryan Cannon, Jeffrey Berger, and Tiana Cannon; her great grandchildren Peyton and Ryleigh; the grand dog, Marley (deceased, but Jodie's favorite dog.) She is also survived by her sister, Marilyn and her brother-in-law Jerry Petrocco and their children and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Make A Wish foundation and St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Comments



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy on your loss of Jodie, I hate to say how many years I have known her but through the friendship of Jeff and Kyle and Cheryl working for my husband Chet we had a long association. I personally got to know Jodie when we were both in a service sorority, One year we were given the project to make sugar eggs for a fund raiser before the Easter Holidays, After a few weeks of having sugar all over the house and walking on the sticky surface, we received a call to make a few more dozen, Needless to say I was not thrilled and remember talking to Jodie I declared I was through! Well of course we made the eggs. I suspect if you look in her keepsakes for holidays, you will find some very old solidified sugar eggs just I do in the my keepsakes! Still looking back those were happy times. will miss keeping track of old friends. This is the first time in quite a few years that we did not exchange Christmas cards, Many good memories of the relationships shared within the Cannon Family.

Marjorie (Marjie) Smith
Sunday February 21, 2021

Marjorie Smith - February 21 at 10:10 PM



“ Marilyn Petrocco lit a candle in memory of JoAnn M. Cannon



Marilyn Petrocco - February 15 at 07:35 PM



“ I can't say anything that hasn't already been said in tribute to Jodie. She was always there at Poudre and supported me in heading up the Classified group. I would run into her from time to time, after her retirement, at King Soopers and she always regaled me with trips she'd been on. I hope she enjoyed those trips up to the end. RIP Jodie and sympathies to Terri & T.S. and the rest of the family. Pam Wade

Pam Wade, co-worker - February 15 at 04:11 PM



“ When I was 6 or 7, my mom, who taught at Poudre, introduced me to Jodie for the first time. I was immediately both a little scared and truly in awe--she had a presence I had never seen before. 20 years later, I was fortunate enough to work with Jodie when I, too, was hired to teach at Poudre. Looking back on those first years of teaching, I realize that if it hadn't been for Jodie's wisdom and "real talk," I probably wouldn't have made it. She taught me the value of speaking your mind when appropriate, the power of quiet leadership, and to do what I felt was right, not what others expected. I consider myself blessed to have known Jodie Cannon; I am a better person because of her. Much love to her family.

Cori Hixon - February 14 at 12:23 PM



“ Jodie and I must have arrived at PHS at about the same time — 1967 — when Reid Pope was principal. Reid was the boss, but Jodie was the ROCK of Poudre! She was amazing. She knew everyone, including the students, and she treated everyone with the same respect. You needed something?? Ask Jodie!! After 25 years, I retired when Ed Rice was principal. Jodie stayed through 4 more administrations, and I'm sure each one of those principals blessed each day that Jodie was there. There were times when the “Poudre Ladies” got together socially, and that's when we saw Jodie's great sense of humor. She was very special, and I'm so sorry that she is no longer with us. Much love to her entire family.

Jeni Forbes - February 13 at 12:23 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Jodie at Poudre High School and getting to know her more personally after we both retired. She was a strong, intelligent and supportive office manager. Family meant everything to her. She was especially proud of her grandchildren and two great granddaughters. Jodie was a special friend whom I will miss dearly. My heart goes out to her family.

Judy Joseph

Judy Joseph - February 13 at 11:25 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Jodie for many years at Poudre High. She was always caring and generous with her support n advice!! She was also a very STRONG woman and a positive example.

Bobbie Ryan - February 12 at 11:37 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to the Cannon family for the loss of a very special lady. Jodie was the glue to Poudre High School. Her love for kids was obvious and her main goal was the success of each student. She was a great mentor to me and I will always cherish the years I worked with her at Poudre. I'll always remember her awesome Larry Bird picture in her office. Jodie was a dear friend and she will be missed by many. Love and prayers
Judy and Dennis Brubaker

Judy Brubaker - February 12 at 11:09 AM



“ I loved Jodie and I know that she knew that. We had many laughs over the years at Canino's and at Poudre. She always followed the rules and I think many people appreciated that. Forever in my heart.
Lorraine Archer

Lorraine Archer - February 10 at 03:37 PM



“ We worked with Jodie during her time at Poudre High School. She definitely loved kids and always had a kind and encouraging word to say to them. Our kids loved working for her as PACE students in the front office. She had a great sense of humor and that made each day a fun experience for them.
We will miss Jodie!
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cannon family!

Randy & Carol Yaussi

Carol Yaussi - February 09 at 11:03 AM