



Jo Ellen Isaly

April 8, 1940 - April 26, 2012

Jo Ellen Isaly of Fort Collins formerly Jo Ellen Metz, died peacefully at home on 4/26/12 with her family by her side. Her parents, Alice Isaly and Joseph Raysor preceded her in death. She is survived by daughter, Lisa Metz and grandson, Finn Blay, and daughter, Kirsten "Monty" Metz and daughter-in-law, Julie Martinek. Jo Ellen has spent her life in service to others. As a graduate of Columbia University's Occupational Therapy Masters Program, she worked as an OT for decades. Having survived throat cancer, she has spent the last 18 years of her life as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. She was an active member of AA and The Northern Colorado Potters Guild. Her passions included travelling the world to such places as Bali, Palau, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Mongolia, Egypt, China, Costa Rica, Bonaire, and Mexico. She loved to snorkel, tend to her flowers and cherished the time spent with her beloved grandson. A Celebration of Life will take place Tuesday, May 1st at 1:00 p.m. at Foothills Unitarian Church, 1815 Yorktown, Fort Collins. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to either The Northern Colorado Potters Guild or The Franciscus Fund at Columbia University in support of their Occupational Therapy program in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ I am so dismayed to hear of JoEllen's passing. She and I were happy classmates at Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH! Our class just celebrated its 50th Reunion, and she was missed. God Bless her and her family. Forever, Susan

Susan Owens - October 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I met JoEllen in 1975 when she trained me to serve as a volunteer at the 24-hour Community Crisis Center in Ft. Collins. She was very kind and enthusiastic as I entered into a the counseling field. She invited me to her home for brunch, but we ate late - she had to pull sheep first. Being a city kid, I didn't know what that meant till she came into the kitchen in her muddy boots. All in a morning's work for Jo Ellen. With her typical humor, she confessed to feeding us "cheese pie" -- which her family would not have eaten if she had called it quiche. My family has called it cheese pie ever since, and I carry a smiling memory of her always.

Lorrie Wolfe - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ My deepest sympathy to JoEllen's family. She was truly a very kind and patient woman. She gave me hope and counseled me when I was in need, it was not a good time in my life but I thank God that He put me in that time. JoEllen was very patient and helped me through that rough time. When we ran into each other she would always stop give me a hug and asked how I was doing, we would chat and I would thank her. Because of her kindness and patient I am very proud of my life today.. Thank you again dear friend, JoEllen, you will be sadly missed but not forgotten.

estela baca - May 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

Susan Ritzler Bauman - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Jo Ellen brought us beautiful flowers from her garden for our desks at work. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed.*

Katie Hoover - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I rented an apartment from Jo Ellen for many years. She welcomed me as though I were a member of her family and even had me join hers for holiday celebrations. She was an inspiration with her travels and her embrace of life and caring for others. I will always be grateful for the friendship she showed me, for the comfort she provided when I was going through tough times, and for her generous ways. She will be dearly missed. Sincerely- Mary*

Mary McInnis-Efaw - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *Jo Ellen enriched my life & modeled a life of determination & graciousness. I will miss her very much.*

Vick L Glaze - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I so enjoyed my chats with Jo Ellen before and after she facilitated her therapy groups in our building. She made my day so many times,... I will miss her.*

Karen KJ Stephenson - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Although we cousins didn't grow up knowing each other in Ohio, we were both surprised to find that we were living in neighboring towns in Colorado. JoEllen's voice sounded just like our Grandmother Raysor's and her strong determination was like our Grandfather Raysor's. She led a full life with many endeavors and interests, Her daughters were the lights of her life. I feel blessed that we had the times we did together.

Caroline Carrie Raysor Andree - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I'll remember our survival talks and how they inspired me. You are missed already.

Larry Bontempo - April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Aunt Jo Ellen will always be in my heart.

Vanessa Bergem - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am truly heartbroken to hear of Aunt JoEllen's passing. I consider it an honor to have gotten to see her one last time this past fall. I know she's in a better place now, but the world has lost a truly invaluable person.

Robert Metz - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Jo Ellen was a lovely woman who always made me feel welcome and loved. I feel fortunate to have known her and loved her. I will miss her smile, her warmth and her great sense of humor. Good bye sweet lady.

Emily Cooke - April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM