



Joanne Griffin

March 15, 2009

Joanne Marie Griffin was born December 18, 1953 in South Holland, Illinois. She passed away on Sunday, March 15 after a nearly six year long battle with breast cancer. After growing up in South Holland and living for periods in Carbondale, Illinois, and Corpus Christi, Texas, she found her home in Ft. Collins in 1980. Jo graduated from Colorado State with a degree in landscape design and was the proprietor of Garden Details. Her business name could not have been more appropriate. She appreciated ever leaf, every flower, and every petal of every flower. She leaves behind many loving friends and family members. She will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know her. She is survived by her mother and father, Mary Jane and Keith Griffin of Bayonet Point, Florida; brother, Mike and his wife Judy of Valparaiso, Indiana; brother Matt of Hammond, Indiana; brother Glen and his wife Toni of Highland, Indiana; two nieces, their husbands and two grandnieces; and her friend of 35 years and husband of 20 years, Russ Ragsdale. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Larimer County Humane Society would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dear Russ,
I'm sorry that you and I never got to meet. But if you were with my dear friend, you must be an incredible guy. She would have settled for nothing less. Jo and I were best friends in high school. We made silly, school-girl plans to get back together when we were old to re-experience some of the craziness of our teen years. We figured when we were old, people would excuse our outlandish behavior as "old-age". Jo was such a fun-loving, full-of-life friend. I am devastated to hear of her passing, and feeling so saddened about the many times I thought to try to locate her again and get in touch--and failed to do so. These comments are coming so late in the scheme of things that I don't know if you will ever see them. If you do, I would love to hear from you to learn some of what Jo's life was about for the last many years of our separation.
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mike and Matt, If any of you happen to return to read these comments, I'd love to hear from you.
Crystal Gayle- Girard

crystal gayle-girard - July 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ Dear Russ, We were very sad to hear about Jo. She will be greatly missed by all of us and we all share in your sadness. Please accept our deepest sympathy & condolences. With sympathy, Frank & Gladys Konishi

Frank & Gladys Konishi - March 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Russ, So sorry to hear of Jo's passing. Hope this poem comforts you and family. Should you go first and I remain to walk the road alone I'll live in memory's garden, dear with happy days we've known in Spring I'll wait for roses red, when fades the lilacs blue, in early fall, when brown leaves call I'll catch a glimpse of you Should you go first, and I remain for battles to be fought, each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot I'll hear your voice; I'll see your smile, though blindly I may grope the memory of your helping hand will buoy me on with hope Should you go first and I remain to finish with the scroll, no length'ning shadows shall creep in to make this life seem droll We've known so much of happiness we've had our cup of joy, and memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you do; walk slowly down that long, lone path, for soon I'll follow you I'll want to know each step you take that I may walk the same, for some day down that lonely road you'll hear me call your name. Bob & Debbie Keister

Bob & Debbie Keister - March 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Jo. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know her and always enjoyed the great conversation. Russ you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Steve & Joyce Moreno

Steve & Joyce Moreno - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Jo. I loved her outlook on life and the humor she showed about it's absurdities. She will very much be missed.

Steve Moore - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ This poem Christopher Warner tries to describe how we feel about Jo... God saw that she was getting tired And a cure was not meant to be So he put his arms around her And whispered "come with me" With tearful eyes we watched her suffer And watched her fade away Although we loved her dearly We could not make her stay A golden heart stopped beating And a warm loving heart to rest God broke our hearts to prove to us That he only takes the best

Mark, Cheryl and Taite Pugh - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Russ: Please accept our condolences at this difficult time. Myrna & Jim

Myrna & Jim Rodenberger - March 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Russ: I heard yesterday about Jo's passing. She was a beautiful woman and you are blessed to have been her husband. You have many friends, Cheryl and I among them. Anything we can do, call. We'll be in touch. Love, Steve & Cheryl

Steve Miller - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IJ

“ Russ: Please accept our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts are with you. Irene & Andy

Irene & Andy Josey - March 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM