



Theresa Joyce Neville

September 19, 1933 - December 13, 2023

Theresa Joyce Neville, was born in Ottawa, Canada on September 19, 1933, the youngest of Charlie and Nellie Neville's four children. Joyce was saddened recently to realize she was the last living of her relatives and closest friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister Frances and her husband Rudy Rivest, her brother Charlie, and his wife Dell Neville and, her baby brother, Leonard, who passed shortly after his birth but was never forgotten.

Joyce was a registered nurse. She trained in Ottawa and completed public health training in British Columbia. She moved to California in 1963 along with her only child, Ellen. They lived in Santa Monica for many years, where Joyce was a medical office manager and later a charge nurse at St. John's Hospital. She then hit the books again, obtaining her bachelor's in nursing. Later, she enjoyed a teaching career. Finally retiring from Blue Cross where she was a utilization review nurse and staunch advocate for the patients she served in that role.

Joyce was always about faith, family, and friends. She will be dearly missed by Ellen and her husband, Jeff Malek, granddaughter, Kelli and her husband Ben Collins, and grandson Nick Malek and his wife Cheyenne (Texas).

Grandma always loved her grandkids! When they were little, showering them with presents and later helping them through life's challenges. Joyce also loved babysitting her greats, Kaitlyn and Tori Sanchez and enjoyed hearing about all their endeavors. Joyce was overjoyed with her newest greats, Todd Kilroy Malek and his big sister, Aubrey. She was Auntie Jo to Lori, Peter and Jill (Neville). Joyce was known by them and Ellen's friends (Jennifer) as being thoughtful, caring and very funny.

Joyce garnered a wealth of longtime friends; to say the least, an eclectic group whom she cherished. On the surface some might have raised eyebrows. But she was never judgmental and was always there when she was needed. When Joyce arrived in Kingsburg (2001) to be with the grandkids. She was one of the first to move in on the block and had many fun times with her neighbors. Joyce helped at the church office and was involved in the Women's Club and funeral committee. As many know, she loved animals and was never without a loving companion(s) - birds, dogs and cats! Until her last days, her caregivers and many neighbors continued to watch out for her and made her smile.

A Rosary will be held at 9:30am Friday, January 12th, 2024 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1275 Smith Street, Kingsburg, immediately followed by a Memorial Mass service at 10:00 AM.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Memorial Mass

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1275 Smith Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631

Tribute Wall

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“ Ellen, we were saddened to hear of Joyce's passing last December. Your Mom lived such a courageous life setting a beautiful example of thriving independence, when that wasn't the norm for women. Your Mom and my Mom, Betty, were lifelong friends and they were the the ultimate example of an enduring friendship. We are so grateful Joyce made so many trips to Canada and always included visits with my Mom in her travels, there was never any judgement on why Betty wasn't able to travel to see Joyce. When they were together the love was evident as they would share stories and giggle over events past and present. The memories of my visit to see Joyce in the fall of 2018 will always be treasured by me. Our heartfelt condolences to you and your family Ellen on the loss of your treasure of your Mom.

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