



Elisabeth Cudney Keen

July 4, 2015

Elisabeth Cudney Keen, AKA Jill Schwartz, age 63, passed away under a firework-lit sky on the 4th of July. Elisabeth started her journey in Illinois in 1952 and spent much of her childhood in Afghanistan with her father James, mother, Margaret, and siblings, Jimmy, David, and Cathy. Ultimately she made her life in Albuquerque because the landscape was reminiscent of her childhood in the Afghan mountains. Elisabeth met and married Robert Keen in 1980, and they had two children, Maggie and Laura. During her life Elisabeth proved herself to be quietly charitable, doggedly political, endlessly loving, and always inclined to put the needs of others before her own. Elisabeth was a dedicated critical care nurse at UNM for many years and a member of Christ Lutheran Church. She competed in national powerlifting competitions, ran for political office, practiced Ashtanga yoga in voluminous sweatpants, provided a better life to dozens of animals, rode the streets atop her Yamaha motorcycle, enhanced her mind by reading thousands of novels, assembled an enviable collection of Christmas ornaments and wrapping paper, and enriched the lives of all she knew. A celebration of her life will take place at some point in the future. In lieu of flowers please embody her generosity and caring for others.

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were very good friends the last two years of high school and the next four years I was in the Navy. Ann, Janet, Elisabeth and I would hang out together in high school. One time we skipped school to look at motorcycles and after I got mine I would have pick her up around the block from her house as her parents did not approve of bikes. It breaks my heart I did not get to talk to again. Eric French

Eric French - August 13, 2015 at 10:03 AM

SS

“ She will always be in your hearts w/all the wonderful memories you have of her. She was a private person who loved her family & friends. Cherish all the marvelous memories. She made Christmas special for everyone. We will miss her! But her spirit will always be with us. All we have to do is remember her. She will never be forgotten. Take care of each other. You are her legacy.

Your neighbors,
Bridget Salazar. & Sandra
(Mother & Daughter)

Sandra Salazar - July 13, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JY

“ I did not know her, but she sounds like a really wonderful person. I especially identified with her collection of Christmas ornaments and wrapping paper!

Girls, I hope you carry on your Mom's traditions!

Sincerely,

Janet Y

Janet Yates - July 12, 2015 at 06:17 PM

CA

“ Elisabeth was a gentle and generous soul and the world is a little more empty without her. Rest in peace angel.

Carol - July 10, 2015 at 08:15 AM

JC

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Joel Chavez - July 08, 2015 at 03:33 PM