



Joan M. Ellis

September 3, 1940 - December 28, 2013

A resident of Albuquerque, peacefully passed away Saturday, December 28, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Larry D. Ellis; son, Steven E. Ellis, his wife, Deborah, and their daughter, Melissa Lou Ellis of Albuquerque, NM; and son, Jeffery M. Ellis, his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters Sarena and Talea of Eugene, OR; and sister, Rita Bernell of Albuquerque, NM. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Sadye Bernell and her brother, Gordon. She was a cherished mother, grandmother and best friend and she will be dearly missed. Joan was a member of Congregation Albert. Services will be Sunday, January 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m. at Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery, 700 Yale Blvd SE. Memorial contributions may be made to the Animal Humane Society of NM or Watermelon Ranch, www.wmranch.org. Please visit our online guest book for Joan at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Memorial Park Cemetery

Tribute Wall

DE

“MOM its been one week and it feels like a life time, we miss you so much I don't know how we are going to go on without you. it hurts so bad . we have to say good bye on Sunday and its going to be the hardest day for us, but we will see you again . a big hug and kiss from Steve Melissa and me . I love you and miss you Debbie

Debbie Ellis - January 04, 2014 at 04:16 PM

“Joni and I met in April of 1986 when each of us went to replace our sons, Steve and Jim in the line for tickets for a Neil Diamond concert at Colorado University. Interestingly, Steve and Jim had not said hello to one another during the three hours they had stood practically next to each other. Lucky for me we struck up a conversation that lasted for four hours, until the box office opened. In that amount of time we knew each others entire life's history. That friendship lasted 27 years between Joni, Larry, my husband Frannie and I.

Joni and I had such fun discovering the city of Denver, neither of us knew where we were going, but if there was a sale - WE WERE GOING !!! At the time, I was driving a Volkswagon Rabbit, imagine Joni in a Volkswagon Rabbit --dont forget, there was a SALE!

We spoke to each other practically ever day but not only was Joni a dear friend during the good times, she was a godsend to me when my husband Frannie suffered a traumatic brain injury, two years after we met. Joni would tell me daily that if I ever needed company after I left the hospital that their door would be open anytime, if it was dinner time, there would be enough food. If I needed a shoulder to cry on she was there for me. Now that is a friend, she only thought of my well being. She was my Shrink!

Then Joni and Larry moved to Albuquerque and our phone conversations went to at a least an hour everyday. We talked about everything and everyone! I cannot tell you how much I will miss her, she was a joy! She was a generous, intelligent, classy and warm women who loved her family dearly and I can only imagine how much they will miss her. I know she will be watching over them always. Even though we will miss her, she is at peace and pain free.

Goodbye my best friend I will miss you always!

Love, Betty

Betty VonFeldt - January 04, 2014 at 12:56 AM

RM

“ *My Aunt Joan had a gift to be able to talk to anyone. Although I had visited with my Aunt Joni throughout my life (in NM and CA), I feel like I got to know her best in the past 5 years. She was always very welcoming to me and my family. I know she will be missed dearly by her famy and friends. Love from CA.*

rae mcanehey - December 31, 2013 at 06:29 PM

ST

Thank you Rae, Mom loved you all out there in CA.

Steven - January 03, 2014 at 08:57 AM

CA

“ *I first met Joni when she married my bother. I was a hick from the sticks of Utah . She taught me a lot of proper things.she was a shopaholic but never bought much! She had a great sense of humor! Went to Mexico a couple of times and had fun! She was driving back at night and stomped on the breaks the is a bear in the road! We put her in the back seat! She and some friends came to ca. She was game for anything but very vocal about getting embaressed or in trouble. She was a good friend during my divorce.could tell a funny story like no one else. I know she will be missed and I know she is at peace! I pray the pain will lessen and you remember all the good things and times! God bless love to you all. Aunts*

carole - December 31, 2013 at 11:49 AM

ST

Thank you Carole, Mom used to talk about those fun times with you. You could always count on Mom. Love you

Steven - January 03, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JH

“ I first met Joni when I was working with her son, Steve. Joni was like a mother to me in my early 20's. She was funny, kind, out-spoken and forever giving me advice on my love life. We shared a ton of laughs and we'd love to go shopping, shopping, shopping! I've known Joni and her family for over 25 years now and, even though we may not have stayed in touch as much over the years, Joni will forever live in my heart as the mother I never had with so many fond memories. I will miss her terribly as she was the center of so many people's worlds. I know she is in Heaven now and no longer suffering and that brings great peace to my heart.

God bless this wonderful family and this beautiful woman, Joni...

Much love, Jennie Rose

Jennie Hamel - December 31, 2013 at 11:07 AM

ST

Jennie, What can I say, You were Moms first daughter and did she love you. Mom would have moved the earth and stars for you if she thought it would have brought happiness. she loved you dearly. We all do. Love to you and your family.

Steven - January 03, 2014 at 09:03 AM

LH

“ *Loyd Hines purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Joan M. Ellis.*



Loyd Hines - December 31, 2013 at 10:01 AM