



Jody Renee Richardson

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Born November 29, 1961 in Oelwein, Iowa. Born to Merle Francis Walters and Coleen Kay Vargason Walters, now Klevjer. Passed away November 5, 2015 in Salt Lake City, from cancer.

Funeral services will be held at the LDS chapel at 1148 W. 500 North in Salt Lake City. The service begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 14.

Jody, you left our realm on November 5 at 7 o' clock in the evening. It was the culmination of a most sacred evening, which knew expressions of love, singing, and reading scriptures.

You were preceded in death by your father, Merle Walters, and your son, Matthew. You left behind a husband, Randy Richardson, a daughter, Kayla Bridges, a son-in-law, Lemanuel Bridges, and Kayla and Lemanuel's four sons, Jabari, Jayden, Jo'Dyia, and Adrian. You left a son, Jacob. You left your mother, Coleen Klevjer, your brother Robert Walters, his wife Ida, and their two children, Kimberly Walters-Saben and Daniel Walters. Not to mention many cousins, some of whom were like siblings to you, and you loved them all. The surviving in-laws who love you are numerous. You are a cherished sister-in-law, adored aunt, and second mother to many. Although you are gone for now, we know we will all one day see you again.

As a child you were a joy to your family. You were respectful to your parents. Most of the time, anyway, right? You actively sought the wisdom and knowledge that your parents and grandparents had to teach you. You learned to have faith in God, and to have hope in the Savior. Not only for yourself, but for your family as well, understanding in your heart far more about the love and Atonement of the Savior than you had ever been taught in words. And best of all, you learned to love, which is your defining characteristic.



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In high school, you participated in clubs and a work program as a medical office assistant, and you graduated from Oelwein High. You went on to Hawkeye Tech, where you were trained to be a nurse's aide. You always had a love of medical knowledge, and went on to be a transcriptionist later in your life. Your spirit was always ready to do far more than your body was able to do. But you smiled through all the pain, and lifted up countless people with your smile, your positive attitude, and your sense of humor. You constantly sought new knowledge throughout your life, and learning was a joy to you.

You made many friends throughout the world as a correspondent. That was how your relationship with Randy began. All of your pen pals were overjoyed every time they got a letter from you. You always believed that progress lay in new technology. You knew that you had to encourage Randy to update his skills and training for the 21st century. That new knowledge, which he wouldn't have gained without your encouragement, was a blessing to your family's life. You enthusiastically upgraded your writing medium from pen and paper to computers and the Internet.

And now, sweet one, your body can't limit your spirit any longer. So go, explore! Visit the pyramids of Egypt, Central America, and Asia. Soak in the ceiling of the chapel that was painted by Michelangelo. Watch volcanoes erupt under the sea. Visit the canyons of Mars, the storms of Jupiter, and the rings of Saturn. But, more exciting than all that, enjoy your grandparents. The son that you lost years ago. Your father, your mother-in-law, all the relatives and friends that you have lost in your time on earth. Go explore, explore your loving relationships with all of them, and make new friends as well. Heaven is filled with numerous ancestors and potential friends that will bless your life for all eternity.

And once you've found a nice little house for us there, put in your little Jody touches that will make the house into a home. Pick out the curtains and the artwork, make it your own. It will be a place of love, happiness, and laughter for all who dwell and visit there.



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Hope Barrowes posted:

When I met Jody in Illinois when she married Randy, I have always been impressed that she had a sixth sense about people and animals. It seemed as though she lived on both sides of the veil as she experienced who and what people were inside and out. And that is why she chose Randy, for she saw his spirit, desires, hopes, disappointments, and yearnings. I always felt very lucky that she seemed to like me, since I felt she could see right through me, my good and my bad. But then, she liked everyone and she made our lives better for having known her. No more pain, no more suffering, no more doctors for her. She has better things to do now, probably nursing others wounds spiritually.

Hope Barrowes

November 17 at 11:41 AM



Samuel Richardson posted:

I have always been impressed and moved by Jody's singing voice, and her merry attitude. Only a week before she died, I asked that she sing something. She said her singing voice was gone, but when she sang, I became emotional. Her spirit and virtue seemed to make it through, anyway. I think she sang "I Am a Child of God." She always seemed to love those who were good, bad or ugly, for which I'm grateful, because that would include me

November 11 at 9:07 AM



Amie N Jim Hampton sent a virtual gift in honor of Jody.

I loved our annual summer trips to Iowa. Fire flies, beautiful music and singing, cooking, and my favorite was long conversations with Jody while eating chocolate dessert from KFC when she worked there. She and her family truly did life together and loved passionately. You're relationship with God was inspirational and for a little girl your family lit that flame in my heart to want to know more about Christ. There was always laughter and love in your home. You truly are a shining light of beauty and happiness. Thank you for being a positive role model for so many people. I know you are going to continue being a part of our lives, because you have imprinted on all our hearts.

November 10 at 3:08 PM



Kevin Weatherbee lit a candle in honor of Jody.

November 10 at 3:19 AM





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PA

Pamsouthards lit a candle in honor of Jody.



November 10 at 1:28 AM

MK

Michele Kizzire posted:

Randy, Jacob, Kayla and family, I am deeply saddened by Jody's departure from this earth. I send prayers to each and every one of you in this time of heartache and sadness. I know Jody is now pain free and have solace in that knowledge. I will miss her and our late night chats, which sometimes turned into phone calls. She is no longer an earth angel, but now a heaven sent angel. Love, Light and Peace to you.with deepest condolences, Michele

November 9 at 5:52 PM

LR

Lynn Erdelt Reinert posted:

Rest in peace my friend, no more pain to endure. While we didn't want you to leave us so soon, we couldn't ask you to stay and suffer. Every time I watch Monty Python I will laugh and think of you. I will miss the letters we were sending each other this summer. We both enjoyed the "snail mail" even though we were just a Facebook message away from each other. Take care and enjoy your time with Matthew and your dad. My love always, Lynn

November 9 at 5:09 PM

DT

Debbie O'toole sent a virtual gift in honor of Jody.

Rest in Paradise, sweet JoJo.Debbie O'Toole



November 9 at 2:09 PM

TH

Todd Hepworth posted:

I didn't know Jody. But I know that Randy loved her with his whole soul. Randy, my friend, my brother, may the Lord give you comfort and guidance for your path ahead. I know you'll be reunited with your beloved Sweetie. For now, I treasure your words of wisdom on life, love, and loss.- Todd aka Roper from Nauvoo

November 9 at 1:50 PM



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LS

Leanne S. lit a candle in honor of Jody.

RIP

November 9 at 1:27 PM



MB

Mary Beth lit a candle in honor of Jody.

MAY YOU R.I.P. JODY ...YOU WERE A WONDERFUL FRIEND AND A GREAT MOM .
MAY YOUR KINDNESS SHINE THROUGH WITH YOU FAMILY HERE ON EARTH.....❤️
❤️

November 9 at 12:46 PM



LW

Lynn Wichman sent a virtual gift in honor of Jody.

Jody I love and miss you so very much, you like my big sister to me! I remember are family vacations, your love for Elton John, slumber party's, going to the drive in theatre, your wedding day, the birth of your twins, and your faith in god! I wish I could be there Randy, Kayla, Jacob, and many more, sending prayers, love , and many hugs to you all! The obituary is beautiful! God bless, Lynn, Steve, and Matt Wichman ❤️

November 9 at 12:40 PM



SC

Shawna Cabaness lit a candle in honor of Jody.

I knew Jody a short while* We had a eat out together, I work with her daughter, and what I did get to know of her was special, she is funny, sweet, kind, and a good hugger* Sad that she has left us, but grateful, I got to meet her. God Bless her Family* Love ya Jody*

November 9 at 12:28 PM



JR

John Richardson November 12 at 4:04 AM

Jody was like a light that shines in darkness. Always positive, Always uplifting, Always happy. May we learn from those attributes and we will be a better world.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jody by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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