



# Juanita Pacheco Howard

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**O**ur beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Juanita Pacheco Howard, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on December 17, 2015.

Juanita, the daughter of Eddie and Frances Pacheco, was born in Romeo, Colorado on September 19, 1946. She grew up in a loving home with two brothers and four sisters. Their family bonds were strong, full of continuous laughter, large family parties, and weekly church service.

Juanita graduated from Cyprus High School in 1964. She married William Avery Howard from Richmond, California in 1967. They were blessed with two sons and were married for 48 years. As a young couple, Avery served in the United States Army which took them to Germany for the early years of their marriage. Juanita loved these years and spoke of them often. Eventually, the family made their home in Taylorsville, Utah where their children attended school. After the boys were grown, Juanita and Avery moved to a new home in Kearns where they were residing at the time of her passing.

Juanita was a very talented woman, an artist at the top of the list. She won multiple awards at state and local levels, and was awarded first prize in the national "Elvis in 1956 Online Art Contest." This award gave Juanita and Avery the opportunity to travel to Graceland for Elvis Week. In Juanita's words, "There will never be another Elvis or anyone who even comes close."

Juanita was a spiritual woman who put God first in every aspect of her life. Her radiant and loving personality attracted close friends from around the globe. Her smile and infectious laughter will be greatly missed.

Juanita leaves behind her loving husband Avery; her two sons, Brandon (Kami) and London, and one granddaughter, Madison; one brother, Jerry; and three sisters, Alice, Loyda, and Bernice. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Amos and two sisters, Julia, who died as an infant, and Maria.



## Obituary

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A celebration of her life will be held January 2, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., at The Mount Calvary Family Worship Center, 3050 South 3200 West, West Valley City, UT.

The family extends deepest gratitude to the loving staff at Huntsman Institute. Heartfelt thanks are also expressed to dear friends and family who selflessly assisted and supported the family through this difficult time. Special appreciation is expressed to Bill and Bruce at Modu-Laser, LLC, who were so caring to Juanita over the past year.



## Events

**Juanita Pacheco Howard**

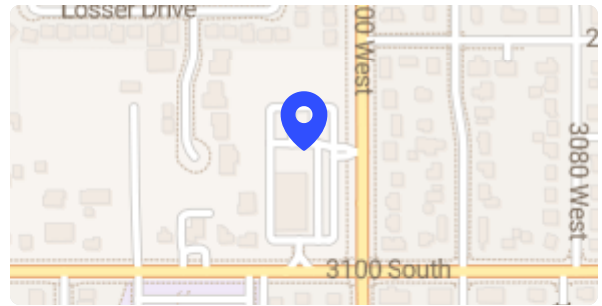
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### Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 2, 2016

 11:00 AM MT

 **Mount Calvary Family Worship Center**  
3050 South 3200 West, West Valley City UT  
84119





## Tribute Wall

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SC

**Sandy Herron Curtis** posted:

It was such sad news to hear about Juanita passing. She was a beautiful person both inside and out. We attended High School together and enjoyed taking art classes from Mr. Eaton. We always shared a laugh when he would say, "Juanita, you can't start a portrait with the eyes." She always started her portraits that way and the results were amazing. She was such a talented artist! We reconnected during the past few years. She updated me about friends from school and her family. She loved her family. She was so proud of her sons and granddaughter. I miss her! My sincere sympathy to her family. Sandy Herron Curtis

April 19 at 3:04 AM

BB

**Billie Bernasconi** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

My earliest memories include you . . . making me repeat "encyclopedia" and other big words when I could barely talk :-), being the flower girl at your wedding and never leaving your side, looking up to you and realizing that you were as beautiful on the inside as you were on the outside. I will miss you every day until I get to see you again and I'll love you forever. "Bill"



January 2 at 2:25 PM

SC

**Sylva Gillins Christensen** posted:

I am blessed to have had Juanita in part of my life. We were in the same class in High school. She had a positive energy about her, she was fun and kind, great to be around. More beautiful inside than out and really beautiful on the outside. My sincere sympathy to her family. Sylva Gillins Christensen

January 2 at 2:42 AM

CL

**Carol Smith Leavitt** posted:

Seniors in high school, and I asked Juanita if she could do some artwork for my Sterling Scholar portfolio. Of course she said yes and I remember the judges being more interested in her beautiful artwork far more than they were in me! I loved her peaceful, humble spirit and thought she had more beauty and grace than any ten Homecoming queens. The world needs more people like her. Carol Smith Leavitt

January 1 at 7:10 PM



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RE

**Rick Estes** posted:

It was very sad news to hear that Juanita had passed. She had such a beautiful soul. I would like to share some of my favorite memories of her here to contribute to the mosaic that was her life. I knew her as a kid many years ago. But only in the last few years did I really get to know her as someone other than a childhood crush. As I have related the story to others, she was my first girlfriend. Only she didn't know it. Our family had moved to Utah from the state of Georgia soon after my father had passed away. We began attending the church that my grandmother and aunts attended at that time; the Ogden Church of God of Prophecy. It was there that I first met Juanita. She was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen in my whole six years of life upon the earth. I had an instant crush on her and soon tried to sit right next to her during every church service. Those were the good innocent days when everything was blissful except for one little nagging problem. There was some man named Avery Howard that would sit on the other side of her and put his arm around her during every service. The problem wasn't that he was her husband. Or that he was sitting next to his wife. No, the problem was that when I would try to sit so close to her that you couldn't get a blade of grass between us, Mr. Howard would put his arm around her and thump me in the ear. How could I be a smooth six year old Casanova with some man thumping me in the ear? But to get to sit next to her it was worth it. A short while later they began attending the church in Salt Lake City. I was able to see her occasionally when ever our church would go to the Salt Lake church for a state convention. She always smiled at me when she saw me. But things began to be different. She was a mother now and I was a few years older. Suddenly I began to notice the girls my age. At eleven you come to the realization that beautiful married mothers are just that. Beautiful. Married. Mothers. So girls your own age become more interesting. I know it must have been hard for her when she saw me sitting next to them. But she never showed it. A few years later we moved to the great state of Alabama. The years slowly went by and the memories of my first love had all but been forgotten. But then came the information super highway and with it... Facebook. It was great being able to reconnect with people from the past. And with every person you connected with came a whole list of more friends to reconnect with. And suddenly one day I saw her. I wasn't sure if she would remember me but I sent her a friend request anyways. Her first response to me was, "Is this my little buddy from all those years ago?" It was nice knowing that she did remember me. We slowly began to reconnect. Over time me and my whole family got to know her as a person via Facebook. Some of the group conversations we had with her niece Toni and another friend from the past John Jr. kept my family laughing all the time. Juanita would share some of the funniest stories with us about embarrassing situations that she had been in. Sometimes we would laugh so hard that our tears blinded us. Like the time she was waiting for a ride to work from a co-worker because her car was in the shop. She heard someone blow a horn outside. She looked and there was a car parked out front so she went and got in the back seat. Only this was not her co-worker. Or the time she ate a fortune cookie and forgot that there was still a fortune inside. ( We sent her a whole bag of fortune cookies for her birthday just so she could practice the proper way to eat a fortune cookie). Like I said before she had a beautiful soul and we were so thankful that we got to see a tiny bit of it. Well I guess that is enough to share for now. She was my friend and I have loved her as a friend since I was six. I miss our Facebook chats. But I know that I will see her again soon. God Bless.



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RE

December 21 at 5:40 AM

DG

**Don Grymes** posted:

Absent from the body...together with the Lord. This Biblical promise to believers is a comfort to those who lose loved ones. I went to high school with Juanita. She was beautiful and very quiet. I didn't get to know her well there. I ran into her a few times at reunions, but credit Facebook with getting to know her these last few years. She and Sharlene used Facebook to air a relationship often around a comedy act that they should have taken on the road. It was something to behold. I think also they loved each other. My wife and I had the privilege to have dinner with Her, Avery and their son London here in St George. I enjoyed my conversation with Avery, a believer a Veteran and it was evident we had some shared values. I also got to meet briefly their son Brandon his wife Kami and Maddy, Juanita's Granddaughter who she loved (she loved them all but anyone with grandchildren knows what I mean). Once in a while Juanita would post a picture of Maddy on Facebook. Matthew records that when a lawyer asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment: "Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'" Matthew 22:37, 39-40 NKJV Juanita personified these verses, not by command or edict, it seemed effortless as though it was in her DNA. She had "neighbors" all over the world. Amazing to read some of the tributes of people who considered her a dear friend who had never even met her. What a Legacy, great family, countless friends and a never failing faith in her Savior. She will be missed. Another Friend Don Grymes

January 1 at 12:54 PM

KL

**Kathy Leon** posted:

Dear Family Carl & I are Lori Pacheco Leon Wilson's mom & dad. I was Amos' first wife Kathy Stanley. Carl & I both want you to know how sad we are for your loss. Although we were not able to spend a lot of time with Juanita, the times we did were such beautiful sweet memories. The drawing she did of Lori hangs in our home and is one of our most valued possessions. I thank God for the privilege of knowing Juanita and plan to cherish every memory I have of your precious wife, mother, grandmother & sister. She was God's blessing to everyone she touched in her all too brief life & He will be there to help you in the days ahead. Carl & Kathy Leon West Valley City, Utah

December 31 at 7:22 AM



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CG

**Cheryl & Bob Garrison** posted:

We are so saddened to hear of Juanita's passing. What wonderful memories we have of her and your family. Her talent, giving and loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her. Please accept our sincerest sympathies and love. Cheryl and Bob Garrison

December 26 at 1:10 AM

DW

**Dona Whittaker** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



December 25 at 8:22 AM

DW

**Dona Whittaker** December 25 at 8:31 AM

Heaven is celebrating her arrival. Juanita was a truly beautiful lady Heart & Soul. The world is a bit emptier without her physical presence!! My condolences to the Howard family. She will be missed immensely, but never forgotten.

SH

**Sharlene** posted:

Juanita, you were such a good friend, arranging get togethers with classmates when I came through SLC. Our interactions on FB always made me funny and I will miss you more than words can say. Good Night News. Peace be with your family.

December 25 at 8:14 AM

SS

**Skippy Sheila** sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.



December 24 at 9:36 PM



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**Skippy Sheila** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

My sweet Sissy, I have so much to say, but words are failing me right now... I keep expecting you to reply & say something to make us both funny... You had so many wonderful gifts/talents, you were ( & always will be ) loved & admired from all corners of the globe. You made every one of us feel special, we all felt like we were your best friend, that's the love you spread without even trying! You are forever in my heart, we will always be those crazy twins separated at birth & adopted by different families in different countries lol. It was an honour & a priviledge knowing you, I will always love you, xoxo Your belief & faith was amazing, just like you! Sending all my love, hugs, prayers, & condolences to Avery, London, Brandon, Maddy, & all of Sissys' loved ones. xoxoxoxoxo



December 24 at 9:33 PM



**Karen Valadez** posted:

Juanita made each of us feel like we were so important. She touched so many, many hearts all over the world. She was my closest friend. I was her biggest fan. I commissioned work and bought lots of prints for myself and as gifts for friends. There was no finer gift to give than one of Juanita's portraits. And there was no finer person on Earth than Juanita. What you saw is what she was... an inspiration to us all in word, in how she treated people, what she did for us and by example. She changed me into a much better person. I miss her so very, very much. Our constant prayers weren't for nothing. They gave Juanita comfort and she IS healed. He just took her Home, the best place in ALL creation, to heal her. She was a bright, shinning light in this sometimes dark world.

December 24 at 8:27 AM



**Toni E Velie** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

The laughter we shared, the crazy sarcasm we shared, the love of shoes & clothes will never compare to any other. I miss you very much and carry you with me always.



December 24 at 6:40 AM



**Dee Dornbusch** posted:

You were such a sweet Angel on Earth and now you are a special Angel in Heaven. I will miss you dear Juanita until we see you again one day soon. God bless your sweet family.

December 22 at 5:06 PM



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**Brandon Howard** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



December 22 at 9:27 AM



**Brandon Howard** December 22 at 9:45 AM

Mom, memories of you will be with me every day for the rest of my life. You led by example and were my hero and will continue to be. Kami, Maddy and I love you so much. You will be missed more than anyone can ever imagine. Brando



**Jennifer Word** posted:

Dearest Howard family, we were so blessed to have you live across the street from us for many years. We miss wonderful neighbors like you. Becky and I have lots of memories babysitting your children. We are so terribly sorry for your loss of Juanita she was such a beautiful classy lady and her kindness will never be forgotten. Please know our heartaches for you all. Heaven is definitely even sweeter with her there. God Bless Jennifer Black and Becky Black

December 22 at 9:12 AM



**Valerie Kuykendall** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



December 21 at 6:11 PM



**Valerie Kuykendall** December 21 at 6:13 PM

Juanita was a wonderful time and the few times that we interacted she brightened my day. May God Bless her loved ones and rest in peace sweet lady. You will always be missed.



**Amber Samp** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.



Juanita and I shared many interests like chocolate and elvis. She is a very talented artist, and a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed!!!!!!

December 21 at 3:48 PM



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JU

**Jeanie Phillips (Uk)** sent a virtual gift in honor of Juanita.

December 21 at 12:11 PM



BE

**Betty** lit a candle in honor of Juanita.

December 21 at 11:49 AM



BE

**Betty** posted:

I only knew you through fb but what a wonderful caring friend you were. Always so thoughtful of others...living your life for the Lord and sharing your many talents.....what a pleasure it was to have known you....RIP Juanita.

December 21 at 11:49 AM

DP

**David Padilla** posted:

My cousin made me laugh with her humor and gave me much to brag about with her God given talent. She will always be warmly remembered and treasured here. My heart goes out to her family. David (Larry) Padilla

December 21 at 11:43 AM

JB

**Julianna Behunin** posted:

So sorry to learn about the loss of Juanita. She was a good friend. I met her at LaserMed and worked with her for years. She drew a picture of my two daughters, Kianna and Korissa when they were both 3 years old. She had so much talent. I enjoyed meeting her for lunches, and talking with her. She always put a smile on my face! She will be greatly missed! - Julianna Behunin

December 21 at 11:05 AM



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**Gayle Sudbury Draper** posted:

Juanita, I have known you ever since jr. High, and high school. Been in most all of your classes. You are a beautiful person inside and out. I'm praying for your family RIP beautiful lady. I will see you again. Love you.

December 21 at 9:28 AM



**Laura Ramey** posted:

My heart goes out to all of your family Juanita. The heartache they are feeling is strong, but also the peace in knowing that you are with Jesus now, is helping the heartache to heal. Your health is whole and complete in His presence. For those of us that remain here without you, we have memories of the times we shared and the amount of time we were blessed to know you and have you in our lives. You touched many of us in small ways, and big ways. I was blessed to meet you on the WOW prayer group that we daily went in to view. We would see the needs typed down for prayer and we would pray for those in need. That is how Jesus brought us together. We shared our Hope of Jesus and His healing hand with others that needed his touch. We were His prayer warriors. We became instant friends sharing our walk of breast cancer. The ups and downs of a journey we both knew God had brought us through. Not for us but to use us in helping others through the long rough road. Little did we know that you would be traveling the road again and Jesus would use me to help you along the way. I pray that I was able to walk with you and help you in ways that you needed. You always cared about others as you traveled the road. Even in your darkest hours you worried about being a blessing to Jesus and others. You my friend were a blessing to all you came in contact with. They were able to see the struggle and to see the strength God gave you each day. Others were given a measure of Hope, seeing God do for you, gave them Hope that He also would do for them. All they had to do was reach out to Him. You shared your ups and downs. You talked of feeling like you were on a roller coaster, that is when I was able to share that although the corners are sharp, Gods gravity holds...Jesus had you even on the edges of the road. He was not going to leave you, and He didn't. He stayed with you all the way. Your Faith in Jesus, and your believing in the Healing Touch of Jesus gave you perseverance to keep running the race set before you. He promised to Love you, and He did. He promised to Hold you and comfort you and He did. He used many avenues to carry that out for you. Friends on WOW and FB and through your Elvis fan pages. He used your family and friends, drawings and talent. He promised you would not be alone, and you weren't. Jesus gave to you moments of laughter that you could share with friends and family. I remember one day the phone call you made to me. We must have talked for over 2 hours, just about stuff. I made you laugh so hard, I could not stop laughing that day on the phone. It was all over a silverfish. Huh a little bug you had never heard of. Amazing what the Lord can use to bring some joy in the midst of the storms we face. London might even remember that night. I think he walked in when we were laughing and you asked him what a silverfish was. I told you I could send you one in the mail. You said "No thanks!" and laughed. There were times you would call for prayer before a test or procedure. I was thankful to Jesus that I was being used for him to help in any way I could. We shared our lives, your family and mine. Shared some fun things that were happening on the farm where I lived. We talked about trying to meet one another in person. You loved the sunsets that I was able to catch with my camera. You appreciated the painter JESUS. You were my Friend that I treasured. I cry just thinking that I will not get the chance to answer the phone and hear your voice once again. You came into my life at a time I needed a friend just to share life with. We would have coffee on Sundays when we could catch the moment. I will miss those times. I will remember them and rejoice that I have been blessed to share those moments with you. You left an imprint in my life. I love you and I know that one day, when Jesus calls me home. I will get to meet you face to face. Dance with Jesus, I will see you soon. Laura Ramey



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LR

December 21 at 5:40 AM

LH

**London Howard** posted:

I love you mom. The words thank you do not even justify. You made a huge impact on my life. Matter of fact, you made a huge impact on many peoples lives. Love you very, very much. You'll always be in my heart.

December 21 at 7:53 AM

CD

**Connie Dellaruso** December 21 at 3:30 PM

She was one of the most beautiful hearts I know London! You should be (and you are) so so proud of the person, the human being and the wonderful woman she was and is with the Lord! Many Blessings of strength for you, Brandon, your dad Avery and all your extended family!

KW

**Kristen Whetzel** posted:

Juanita was such a beautiful person inside and out. I loved her warmth and her spiritual conviction. She was so faithful. Her love lives on through her loving family. Brandon has been a brother to Mark since Kindergarten. He has been one of my best friends before I ever met Mark, and is an uncle to my children. I can see Juanita in Brandon. We have a beautiful portrait she drew for Mark's Father when his mother passed away. She combined two photos and put them together as if Don was sitting in his mothers' lap as a child. It's priceless; she was a gifted, talented artist. Heaven gained a shining star and we are all better for having known Jaunita. Love and prayers of comfort to the Howard family; we love you all.

December 21 at 7:28 AM

TJ

**Tammy Jo** posted:

Heaven has gained one of their own. Rest In Peace sweet Juanita!

December 21 at 6:15 AM



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**Forsbergs** posted:

Juanita was one of the kindest people I've ever known. She was my next door neighbor growing up, and always had a smile whenever I saw her. Juanita quietly left a good influence wherever she went. She was a caring and attentive grandmother to Madison, and it was obvious that her family was her most important priority. She will be greatly missed. Wishing you our heartfelt sympathy, Kurt and Kali Forsberg

December 21 at 5:40 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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