



Nelly Elizabeth Fernandez Johnston

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Nelly Elizabeth Fernandez Johnston passed away Saturday, November 28th of complications associated with lung cancer. She died peacefully at home in Millcreek surrounded by her family. Nelly was born March 29, 1955, the seventh of eight children born to Benjamin and Juana Fernandez in Paramonga, Peru. Nelly graduated from high school at age 15 and moved to Lima with her family. She graduated from a two year bilingual secretary program and begin working in the travel industry. This led to meeting Sonia Ramirez, who introduced Nelly, Betty, and their mother to the LDS church. Following baptism Nelly moved to Venezuela where she worked in various office jobs, interrupted by an LDS mission to Maracaibo, Venezuela at the age of 26. She immigrated to Utah in 1985 to pursue additional education and married the love of her life on July 11, 1987 in the Salt Lake Temple. Further education included earning a paralegal certificate at Westminster college, licensure as a real estate agent, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in Spanish Teaching. Nelly taught Spanish many years at East High in Salt Lake City.

She loved this country and the opportunities it gave her and her children which she felt were not available to ordinary people in Peru or Venezuela. Nelly had an astonishing range of close friends from different countries, languages, beliefs, ages, and backgrounds. She loved her family, church, international travel, her book groups, hosting large dinner parties, sponsoring college scholarships, perfecting her English, investing in real estate, and inviting family and friends to live with us. She was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer early in 2019 and courageously and optimistically continued to live life to the fullest.

Preceded in death by her parents, sister Rosemary, and brothers Wilson, Veder, and Eduardo. Nelly is survived by her husband Jeffrey, children Jeffrey, Carla (Daniel), Paul (Dru), grandchildren Charlotte and Thomas, brothers Antonio (Yolanda), Luzgardo (Blanca), sister Betty (Steve), sister-in-law Mercedes Fernandez and many nieces and nephews. Due to COVID restrictions live attendance at her funeral is limited to immediate family members. There will be two virtual



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events on Saturday December 5th commemorating the life of Nelly - a funeral service broadcast and a memorial service hosted on Zoom. See details at the bottom of this page.

Nelly Elizabeth Fernandez Johnston falleció el sábado 28 de noviembre por complicaciones asociadas con el cáncer de pulmón. Murió en paz en su casa de Millcreek rodeada de su familia. Nelly nació el 29 de marzo de 1955, la séptima de ocho hijos de Benjamín y Juana Fernández en Paramonga, Perú. Nelly se graduó de la escuela secundaria a los 15 años y se mudó a Lima con su familia. Se graduó de un programa de secretaria bilingüe de dos años y comenzó a trabajar en la industria de viajes. Esto llevó a conocer a Sonia Ramirez, quien presentó a Nelly, Betty y su madre a La Iglesia de Jesucristo de los Santos de los Últimos Días. Después del bautismo, Nelly se mudó a Venezuela, donde trabajó en varios trabajos de oficina, interrumpida por una misión en Maracaibo, Venezuela a la edad de 26 años. Ella emigró a Utah en 1985 para seguir una educación adicional y se casó con el amor de su vida el 11 de julio de 1987. en el Templo de Salt Lake. La educación adicional incluyó obtener un certificado de asistente legal en Westminster College, obtener una licencia como agente de bienes raíces y graduarse de la Universidad de Utah con una licenciatura en enseñanza de español. Nelly enseñó español durante muchos años en East High en Salt Lake City.

Amaba este país y las oportunidades que le brindaba a ella y a sus hijos, que sentía que no estaban disponibles para la gente común en Perú o Venezuela. Nelly tenía una asombrosa variedad de amigos cercanos de diferentes países, idiomas, creencias, edades y orígenes. Le encantaban los viajes internacionales, sus grupos de lectura, organizar grandes cenas, patrocinar becas universitarias, perfeccionar su inglés, invertir en bienes raíces, invitar a familiares y amigos a vivir con nosotros, su familia y la iglesia. Fue diagnosticada con cáncer de pulmón en etapa 4 a principios de 2019 y con valentía y optimismo continuó viviendo la vida al máximo.

Le precedieron en la muerte sus padres, hermana Rosemary y los hermanos Wilson, Veder y Eduardo. A Nelly le sobreviven su esposo Jeffrey, sus hijos Jeffrey, Carla (Daniel), Paul (Dru), sus nietos Charlotte y Thomas, los hermanos Antonio (Yolanda), Luzgardo (Blanca), hermana Betty (Steve), cuñada Mercedes Fernandez y muchas sobrinas y sobrinos. Debido a las restricciones de Covid, la asistencia en vivo a su funeral se limita a miembros de la familia inmediata. Los servicios se llevarán a cabo en la capilla LDS en 4350 S 1100 East. El entierro será en Elysian Gardens en 1075 E 4580 South después del funeral. Se invita a amigos y familiares a participar en el servicio funerario a través del seminario web Go-to-web a la 1 pm el sábado 5 de diciembre y asistir a una hora de memoria en Zoom a las 7 pm el mismo día. Este obituario se actualizará con la conexión



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Funeral broadcast

Time: 1pm (Mountain Time)

Link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5849439654450278157>

Memorial service

Time: 7pm (Mountain Time)

This will be a casual time for anyone who would like to share memories of Nelly. English or Spanish, whichever you feel more comfortable with.

Este será un momento informal para cualquiera que quiera compartir recuerdos de Nelly. English o Español, con lo que te sientas más cómodo.

Link: <https://lbnl.zoom.us/j/98841564857?pwd=MjNuZXRKVjJPMFhoRG5TKzFzOXFWZz09>

Tech support

If you have any trouble logging into either session, call 808-225-7273 or 925-495-9705 and a family member will help you.

Si tiene algún problema, llame al 808-225-7273 y un familiar lo ayudará.



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BP

Beatriz Price posted:

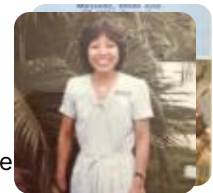
I just realized Nelly had passed a few years ago. I'm so sad to know this. We only shared a few times together here in California, we went for a nice hike with her husband and my younger son. It was such a nice day, we even had a picnic, we all brought something and shared it. I only knew her for a little bit but she made a big impression on me. So soft spoken and sweet. I will miss you my "Amiguita". Keep smiling in Heaven. My sincere condolences to her family..

March 29 at 8:44 AM

AO

Aileen Olson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I just found out Nelly passed away and I am so sad to hear it. She and I were missionary companions in Maracaibo in 1981. We lost touch and I didn't even know she had moved to the US! I wish I could have found her sooner and reconnected. She was a cute, smart, capable missionary. I will hopefully be able to renew our friendship when we meet in heaven. ❤️



April 20 at 1:38 PM

AC

Arlene C. sent a sympathy card to the Johnston family.

December 7 at 10:12 AM



DP

Diana Perez posted:

Siempre te recordaremos toda la familia de Venezuela tia Nelly tu despedida nos tomó por sorpresa, siempre estarás en nuestros corazones y te recordaremos con mucho cariño.

December 6 at 2:45 PM



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RU

Ruth posted:

Con un corazón lleno de gratitud y melancolía puedo decir que Nelly siempre fue y será una amiga muy especial para mí. Disfrute su bella amistad desde mi juventud. Su sonrisa natural, con una actitud positiva entusiasta y un espíritu de bondad amor y confort elevaban siempre mi espíritu. Su fe y amor por el evangelio de Jesucristo era ejemplar. Siempre recordare con cariño nuestros buenos tiempos en Perú, Utah y California. Te extrañaremos mucho. Que el Señor bendiga a tu querida familia con, consuelo fortaleza y paz en estos momentos difíciles. Nelly siempre vivirá en nuestro corazón. Hasta Pronto.

December 5 at 6:57 PM

DH

Diana Hormaza posted:

I'm am so sorry for your loss. Nelly was such a kind, loving, and compassionate person. I remember always enjoy her dinner gatherings, and the smile it brought across her face when surrounded by friends and family. May the lord bless you at this time. Much love and thoughts.-Diana C. Hormaza

December 5 at 1:17 PM

JM

Jessica Mimbela posted:

Dear Jeff, Jeff Jr., Carla, Paul and extended family. my deepest condolences for the passing of our beloved Nelly. Nelly was one of the most amazing human beings I have had the privilege to meet. She helped me immensely when I was studying in SLC. Nelly and you became my family. I learned so much from Nelly. She was compassionate, strong, loving and always helping others. She gave me the gift of my life. Nelly introduced me to my husband, Norman. The funny thing is that a year went by before we could all get together. I had forgotten about being introduced to Nelly's friend. However, Nelly didn't forget about us. She kept trying to coordinate our agendas and to this day, that day may have be one of the happiest days of my life. Rest in piece, my dear friend. Thank you so much for everything.

December 5 at 11:38 AM

KE

Kevin posted:

Correct link to the funeral service:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5849439654450278157>Webinar ID to connect from mobile: 174719123

December 5 at 9:04 AM



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TR

Tanya Rhea posted:

Jeff , jeff jr , Carla, mis sentimientos de pesar y mis oraciones de confor les acompañen,Nelly mi amada amiga y hermana q llego a mi vida y la vida de mi familia a bendecirnos con su amor he incondicional servicio , le agradezco a Dios por tantos años compartidos , atesorare en mis memorias tantas lindas experiencias q pasamos juntas, y le agradezco a Dios q me dio la bendición de poder despedirme de ella y decirle cuanto la amo y agradecerle por todo,Nelly una gran mujer y un ser humano extraordinario

December 5 at 6:30 AM

ND

Norman Brito-Dellan posted:

I have been so sad about the passing of our beloved Nelly, a truly remarkable friend and an outstanding daughter of our Heavenly Father. I extend my sincerest condolences to Jeff, her children Carla, Jeff and Paul, and the rest of her friends and family. She will be missed, but she will always be remembered with love by myself, by my wife Jessica, my Father Rafael and the rest of the Brito's. For those of you who do not know, it was Nelly who introduced my now wife Jessica and I, and I will always thank her for bringing me the love of my life.

December 5 at 3:58 AM

FA

Fanny posted:

Our dear Nelly was one of the creative souls of Amigos y Libros, our Spanish language literacy club. For many years Nelly contributed with her knowledge and passion. Nelly, te extrañamos desde ya, tu sonrisa y carácter tan noble. Nos vemos en los libros Querida Nelly!

December 3 at 5:56 PM

AK

Alisanne Korologos posted:

Dearest Jeff, Jeff Jr., Carla, Paul and extended family,Nelly was an amazing woman, whose beautiful spirit touched everyone she met. Her infectious smile, her integrity, her intelligence, and compassionate heart made her extraordinary. She lived her life to the fullest personally, spiritually and professionally. She was a poised woman of strength and courage, while always seeming at ease.I was unaware of her illness and shocked to learn of her passing. I pray the tender and painful experience of mourning will be quelled by your countless happy memories together, and knowing that she now enjoys eternal life with our Father in Heaven.Sending love and hugs,Alisanne (Ali) Korologos

December 3 at 7:24 AM



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AK

Alisanne K. sent a sympathy card to the Johnston family.



December 3 at 7:21 AM

RR

Ruth Richins December 5 at 1:27 PM

Nelly fue y sera siempre una gran amiga. La conoci desde mi juventud, Su sonrisa, su actitud positiva, entusiasta, con un noble espiritu de bondad, amor y apoyo levantaron siempre mi espiritu. Siempre nos reiamos recordando que cuando yo era soltera ella una vez hizo en su casa un barbecue para presentarme a un buen amigo que ella conocia y decia que estaba bueno para mi. Si, yo fui al party pero lleve a un amigo con el cual yo estaba saliendo y que ahora es mi esposo. cuando llegamos ella me lleva a presentarme a su amigo. en ese momento su amigo y mi acompanante se saludan con un abrazo de alegria y escuchamos que mi date le decia Hola tiiio!! Resulta que el amigo de Nelly habia sido el tio de mi date! Yo ya estaba saliendo con el sobrino y no habia nada que hacer. jiji fue un chiste! y me decia que chico que este mundo no lo puedo creer. Lindas memorias Nelita! Te extrañare mucho! Fuiste una hija muy especial y fiel de NPC. Nos dejaste un gran legado!.Que de la gloria de los cielos gozes por siempre. Viviras siempre en mi corazon.

AK

Alisanne Korologos December 3 at 7:26 AM

So sorry; I wish I could remove this post. I thought it was going to show the content of the card. I did not know it was a redirect to the service. Please excuse my mistake. xo

SS

Shannon Soper posted:

Nelly was one of the most welcoming people when I moved to Berkeley. In the time we overlapped here we enjoyed having her and Jeff over for dinner and seeing them at church activities. She watched our cute dog while we were on a work trip and we had a fun, totally random occurrence running into her and Jeff at the San Diego temple grounds while we were both on vacation. I think Nelly is one of the warmest and kindest people I know. I already missed her since she moved away a few months ago, and I'll miss her even more now. I'm so grateful for her and her family.

December 2 at 6:32 PM



Media

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Aileen Olson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

April 20 at 1:38 PM

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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