



Joan Tupper Jensen

March 21, 1949 - August 4, 2020

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Joan Tupper Williams Jensen, 71, Orem, Utah.

After a 6 month battle with cancer Joan died peacefully in her home on the evening of August 4, 2020. During her last illness she was attended to by her husband, her daughters, and her brother Artha Darby Williams III.

Her sister, Viki Giraud, writes about Joan as follows:

"The whimsical name of Tupper was our mother's idea – it was the name of a character in a book Mom was reading. The origin was Tupper Lake in New York State. As I understand it, Tupper called herself Tupper mostly for old friends and family and saved the name Joan for her later school years.

"We got acquainted in Germany, where Tupper was born, and I was seven years old. As Army brats we had many adventures—her getting lost in an apartment elevator at age 2 in the Bronx (I found her), using British accents and learning Italian songs in Libya and sharing a bed in our Italian apartment where we listened to Armed Forces Radio, and taking a Med Cruise on our way home to Virginia. On the cruise we had many highlights including: racing up the Leaning Tower of Pisa our Mom trying to catch us – since there were no barriers to keep us on the tower. We shared a horse carriage ride in Turkey and explored a city park. She was always eager to have adventures. She had spunk enough to bully her little brother Darby as well. She was independent minded and sought out the Mormon Church although no one else in her family was a member. Tupper and I talked every weekend for years and shared our lives fully. Our last meeting in person was to celebrate my daughter Heidi's 50th birthday last October (2019), an event we won't ever forget."

Joan was born in Munich, on March 21, 1949. Her father, Col. Artha Darby

Williams, Jr., was then serving in the United States Army Corp of Engineers. Joan attended school in Germany and was bilingual all her life, speaking both English and German. After joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in her early 20s, Joan served a German speaking mission in Switzerland.

Joan met her husband, Brent Joseph Jensen, at Brigham Young University shortly after Brent returned from his mission in Italy. They were in the same "Family Home Evening" group and soon developed a friendship that continued to blossom over the next 44 years. Brent proposed to Joan on 5 separate occasions, but she refused him each time. Nevertheless, Joan continued to agree to date him. Then, one evening after one such date, she finally said, "Yes" – 5 times. They married on December 18, 1976, in the Salt Lake Temple. They have 5 children, Heather Jean, David Joseph, John Williams, Sara Elizabeth and Rebecca Ann.

Joan served in several callings in her church throughout her life, including the Cub program where she served with her husband, but she loved working with the children in the nursery the most. Her heart was always drawn to children. And children were always drawn to Joan, often adopting her as their honorary mother or grandmother. In addition, Joan was a true friend and sister to every other sister in the Relief Society and to every member of her ward.

Joan is survived by her husband, her five children, and her four grandchildren, Grace Kendall Lynn Burton, Bryant Guy Jefferson Burton, Sophie Eve Jensen and Kai Joseph Jensen.

Graveside services will be 11:30 am, Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Orem City Cemetery, 1550 North 800 East, Orem, Utah with a viewing prior to services at Premier Funeral Services, 1160 North 1200 West, Orem, Utah.

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Premier Funeral Services (Orem)

1160 North 1200 West

Orem, UT 84057

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<https://www.premierfuneral.com/>

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 11:30 AM (MT)

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East

Orem, UT 84058

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lovely picture of you, Brent (and Joan!) Oh, how this sweet gal will be missed! She was always serving someone...her husband, her family, her Church, neighbors and other friends. I first met her when we were at BYU, where she helped me navigate the rough waters of motherhood on a shoestring. How delighted I was, seven or eight years ago, to be able to reconnect. She was one of only three or four people I could tell anything. I want her family to know how lovingly she spoke of you all. You made her last year very special. What will so many people do this Christmas without Joan's fruit cake and other goodies? Perhaps we can carry on her tradition in our own individual ways. Until we meet again, dear friend!*

Rosemary Peck - August 22, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ *I knew Joan as a customer at my place of business. I loved it when I saw her approach, because I knew she would make me smile. She let her light shine in such a humble, sweet way. I will miss seeing her!*

Brian - August 20, 2020 at 06:39 PM



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Premier Funeral Services - August 08, 2020 at 06:22 PM



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Tupper was my best friend in Mannheim, Germany. We both loved adventure, and at 15 we planned on going to London and meeting Prince Charles! I saved all my babysitting money, and when I reached our goal, I excitedly told Tupper; who had given up on that dream long ago! Actually, we were planning on being at the gates of Buckingham Palace, when he came home from school for summer break. Yes, we were sure he would spot our gorgeous selves and fall in love with one of us! It's a good thing that didn't happen, now that I think of it! I remember her brother's name was Darby, and found him on the internet, 25 years later. He let Tupper know, and she called me! It was so good to talk to her. She and her sister came to Florida to visit us. We immediately felt that no time had passed since we were 15! She was a great friend, and since I haven't heard from her for a while, I searched for her today. I was so sad to discover her obituary. I will never forget this wonderful, adventurous friend!

Debbie DeWitt Wilkins - January 12 at 08:49 PM