



## Joyce Lynn Gatherum

August 19, 1947 - June 13, 2023

Joyce was the first member of her family to graduate from college. Education was of profound importance to her. She was a strong advocate for her children and their education, helping some of her children navigate the difficulties of dyslexia. As a testament to her strong belief in education, all six of her children have earned college degrees.

Joyce is survived by her husband Antone, six children (Joylin, Shaun, Cordell, Kim, Scott, and Jeni), 16 grandchildren, and her brother Keith.

In addition to advocating for education, Joyce was an award-winning artist for her acrylic and oil paintings. She tried to instill her love of art into her children and grandchildren, and many others who she personally taught. Her paintings will be a lasting legacy for her children and grandchildren to remember her by.

Joyce will be remembered for her loving and nurturing spirit, which was not defined by the disease of multiple sclerosis (MS) that impacted her life for the past 36 years. She defied every prognosis and bravely fought for her independence and her ability to walk, where she succeeded for 34 of the 36 years since her diagnosis. While MS did impact her mobility and ability to paint, Joyce persevered and continued to paint well into 2023.

She will also be remembered for her Christ-like service to others. Joyce spent

much of her life reaching out to those in need. She was quick to befriend those who were lonely, generous to those who lacked, and quick to lift the spirits of those who were lowly of heart.

Funeral services for Joyce will be held on at 11:00am on June 19, 2023 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 1205 NW Walnut Blvd, Corvallis, OR 97330. An additional celebration of life for Joyce will be held at a later time in Utah.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **19**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (PT)

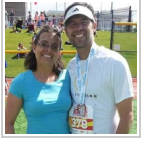
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ I just came upon this today. I am so sorry to hear about the death of my beautiful friend Joyce. I have not seen her in many years, but she has left a lasting impression on my life. She taught my daughter to paint. She also taught me about how to help a struggling child read. I wish I still had her teaching a child to read through the Book of Mormon program she shared with me over 20 years ago. Joyce loved all her children but she had a special bond with the girls in her posterity. She used to tell me how important it was to raise strong, valiant women who could work side by side a righteous husband. I went on to have three daughters of my own. I have never forgotten her advice on raising women in the church. I was always so inspired by her fight to not let MS control her life. I can think of so many other bits of advice, “when you can afford it use butter instead of margarine” and “ save your Little people toys for your grandchildren to use one day”, to name a few. Joyce I just had my first grand child and I still have my Little People saved. I miss Joyce. I do know she must be so happy to be reunited with her parents and other family members. My condolences to her family. May they always know she impacted my life for the good. I love you Joyce!❤️

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**Jennifer Watkins** - September 12, 2023 at 03:41 PM