



## Margaret "Joyce" Blodgett

July 15, 1951 - March 22, 2018

Margaret Joycee Blodgett, 66, passed away in her Corvallis home on March 21, 2018. The daughter of Colonel James A. and Peggy Blodgett, now deceased, is survived by her longtime companion Craig Hamnquist; brother Ron (Yogi) Blodgett, his wife Gail, and her nephews Eric and Kelly Blodgett.

You might have known Joycee by voice and character, but not by name. After graduating from Corvallis High School, she worked at the Toa Yuen. She was known for her head of curly hair, lilting voice, and very real desire to make people happy. When the iconic Toa Yuan closed, Joycee moved into managerial positions with the Payless ShoeSource chain. She worked their stores in Newport, Albany, Lebanon, and finally Corvallis.

Later, she took a position as lead of the team of people who hand out free food samples at Winco Foods. Again, you would have known her by her head of curly hair, now white; the lilting voice, still strong; and her people pleasing skills, still in full evidence.

Still not sure if you knew her? Have you ever donated blood to the Red Cross? Joycee donated most of her life. She frequently worked blood drives at the front desk. She also worked as a courier.

Need another mind jog? Joyce was devoted to local community theater. Her

parents were active in the Valley Round Barn Theater and Joyce spent a great deal of her free time there. In later years, she worked at the Albany Civic Theater. Much in demand for her distinctive voice, she took roles in a wide variety of plays, including South Pacific, Bus Stop, The Dresser, Sherlock's Last Case, Cemetery Club, Pirate of the Chemotherapy, and her last appearance onstage in It's a Wonderful Life. And while her performances were memorable, she will be forever remembered by countless casts and crews as the "Cookie Lady" who brought unique homemade cookies to Thursday night performances. Remember the hamburger cookies?

A celebration of Joycee's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the American Red Cross or Albany Civic Theater.

# Tribute Wall

B.

“Joyce was the face and the spirit of the Red Cross at the many blood drives I have donated at. She always had a smile and cheerful greeting. I'll miss her, and continue to donate in her honour.

B. - April 03, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MB

“Mary Brock lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Joyce" Blodgett



Mary Brock - March 25, 2018 at 12:47 AM

MK

“Joyce was one of the kindest and most patient people i've ever known. She visibly brightened whenever she saw me. I think she did that with everyone she knew. We got to know each other at ACT. I will miss knowing I might get to see her again at a show or around town. Condolences to all her family, friends and loved ones who will miss the warm caring woman.

Marc Kemper - March 23, 2018 at 06:21 PM

BH

“ Since I no longer live in the Albany area I had not seen Joyce for a few years, but I have many great memories of Joyce. She was always so happy and fun to be around. But mostly I remember the COOKIES. She would bake the best cookies for serving at ACT. She did it for years. God Bless Her.

*Barb Hubbard*

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**Barb Hubbard** - March 23, 2018 at 01:19 PM

RL

“ I met Joyce at the Albany Civic Theatre. She worked backstage on some of the shows I directed. Joyce played Grace in my production of BUS STOP. Joyce was kind, generous and caring to all. It was always a treat to usher for a Thursday night performance because Joyce always brought yummy homemade cookies for the audience, cast and crew.

*In recent years, I enjoyed stopping to say hello when she was working at Winco.*

*Reset In Peace, dear Joyce. I have many fond memories.*

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**Robert Leff** - March 22, 2018 at 11:07 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Margaret "Joyce" Blodgett



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**Cindy Johnson** - March 22, 2018 at 09:24 PM

PK

“ Over the several decades when I was involved with Albany Civic Theater, I got to know and do creative work alongside Joyce on many productions, onstage and off. She was one of the kindest, most generous people I knew there, and I have many great memories of her, onstage and off. My deepest sympathies to her family and other loved ones.

Pat Kight - March 22, 2018 at 09:15 PM

MB

Joyce left us too soon. She will be missed by all who knew her and all who came in contact with her. She always had a smile for everyone. She was a wonderful person....kind, generous, and hard-working. My sincere sympathy to her family, loved ones, and friends.  
Mary Brock

Mary Brock - March 23, 2018 at 08:13 PM

SW

I am saddened to see that Joyce has passed. We were hose managers together at ACT. She worked back stage on many of our plays and I was fortunate to be in a play with her. She had a beautiful smile and sweet voice. I never saw her angry or upset. Joyce was a remarkable woman. She touched many lives and will be missed by all who knew her. God only takes the best.  
Sharen (Bell) Wilson

Sharen Wilson - March 31, 2018 at 07:27 PM

CM

Hi Ron we just wanted to let you know how sorry we are that you lost your sister. It was a shock to read it in the paper. I still remember Joyce at the Toa Yuen, how could someone not remember her, always so happy and polite! She didn't know us, but we always said HI. Last time we saw her was at Winco doing a food demo. What a gal, you should be proud to call her your sister. Take care Ron, and your family too. A huge loss to your family, we are so sorry. Am sure we will run into you again sometime at 'Winco'!! Take care. Fondly, Mark and Cathy Mathews

Cathy Mathews - April 01, 2018 at 02:14 PM