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Suzanne Knutson, 57, passed on peacefully to a better place on April 7, 2010 in Barstow after a valiant battle with a long illness. Suzanne was born October 11, 1952 in Washington, D. C. to Dewey and Emilia Strickland of Riverdale, Maryland.

She spent her youth living in such places as Riverdale, Maryland, Roswell and Artesia, New Mexico, Borger, Texas, Turlock, California, and Barstow. She attended Barstow Junior High School and graduated from **John F. Kennedy High School in 1970**. Suzy was very musical, participating in band and choir while in school. She played many instruments, but loved her piano the most.

After high school Suzy married twice and lived in Eureka and Riverside, California, and also in Norfolk, Virginia before settling back in Barstow where she worked different and varied jobs for places like H&E, Fort Irwin and finally the Marine Corps Logistics Base where she was an environmental specialist.

Suzy had two sons, Christopher and Jason Knutson who were her whole life. She showed them the beauty and the history of our country on the cross country trips they took together.

Suzanne was preceded in death by her parents, Dewey and Emelia Strickland.

She is survived by her sons, Christopher Knutson of Ontario, Calif., and Jason Knutson of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; grandson, Elija Knutson of Katy, Texas; and brother, Dennis Strickland of Barstow.

A memorial service for Suzanne will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Mead Mortuary, 36930 Irwin Road.

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