

Nancy Marlaine Knight

Obituary



Nancy Marlaine Koch Knight
March 10, 1954 – April 7, 2019

Nancy Marlaine Knight passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the age of 65. Nancy was born March 10, 1954 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. She was the daughter of Irene Koch and William Koch Jr. Nancy is survived by her sisters Miki Hernandez of Hesperia, CA, Keiko Koch of Barstow, CA, Emiko Stevens of Fayetteville, NC, Patricia Kaufmann of Auburn, WA and four loving children; son, Michael C. Knight and daughter in-law Angela Knight of Victorville, CA, daughter, Melissa Knight of South Pittsburg, TN, daughter, Jennifer Knight and son in-law, Timothy Schwarz of Atlanta GA, daughter, Stephanie Knight of Victorville, CA. Nancy is also survived by two grandchildren, Grace Knight and Owen Schwarz. As a young child in a military family, Nancy moved quite a bit. Her family eventually settled down permanently in the Barstow area and she became a lifelong resident of the High Desert. Nancy graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Barstow, CA in 1972. After high school, Nancy and her husband, Michael L. Knight, moved away to attend college at California State College Bakersfield, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies in 1977. Upon completing college, Nancy and her young family moved back to the Barstow area where she lived for the rest of her life. Nancy was a devout Catholic and attended mass regularly at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Barstow for over 40 years until moving to Victorville in 2018 where she found a new home at Holy Family Catholic Church in Hesperia. Nancy was a very loving, caring and selfless individual who donated both her time and resources to care for those in need. No matter how little she may have had, or how difficult times were, Nancy knew that she was blessed and that there were others in greater need. She worked for approximately ten years as a volunteer on Saturday mornings at the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen in Barstow making sure that the needy had a hot meal. More recently, Nancy and her daughter, Stephanie created and donated Easter baskets, school supplies, and other necessities to local children in need. In her lifetime, Nancy had a variety of jobs, including working as a library

aid and a retail clerk. But the job she loved the most was being a mother and a grandmother. Nancy instilled a love of God and a strong religious foundation in her children. She also made certain that all of her children did well in school and knew that a great education was something that they could build a successful life upon. Serving others is where she found her purpose and she always put the needs of others before her own. Nancy enjoyed spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9974 I Ave, Hesperia, CA. A Rosary Prayer Service will be held at Holy Family at 10:15am with the Funeral Service being held at Holy Family at 11:00am. A Graveside Service will follow at 12:30 at Desert View Memorial Park, 11500 Amargosa Rd, Victorville, CA 92392. More information and photos can be found at www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victorville-ca/nancy-knight-8245387