



Marilyn Sue Cozzens

September 6, 1943 - May 29, 2024

Marilyn Sue Cozzens, 80, passed away to be with her Heavenly Father and Jesus her Savior on May 29, 2024, from her residence in Roswell. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Marilyn's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

There will be a Memorial Service for Marilyn at Grace Community Church on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 11 am.

Marilyn was born on September 6, 1943, in Roswell at the Old Saint Mary's Hospital to Seymour McKinley "Primo" Cozzens and Winifred Elizabeth Wilkinson Cozzens. After participating in 4-H, especially showing livestock, at which she won many, many awards and championships, Marilyn graduated from Capitan High School in 1960 as Valedictorian. She attended Sul Ross State University where she played softball, basketball and rodeoed. She graduated from Arizona State University with a BS in Medical Technology and proceeded to at Stanford University Medical Center Hospital where she became a medical laboratory shift supervisor. After taking accounting classes she became an Enrolled Agent tax specialist in Santa Clara, CA. Returning to Roswell in 2006 Marilyn opened Cozzens Tax Service which she operated until 2024 when she became ill.

Marilyn was an avid sports fan, and she could tell you anything you never

wanted to know the Lakers or the 49ers. She was also a fan of college sports, especially the PAC teams Stanford, USC, or UCLA. Marilyn played semi-pro women 's basketball in the bay area for a time.

All her life Marilyn had a very large spot in her heart for animals starting with horses when she was younger and moving to dogs of all kinds when she couldn't take her horses when she moved to the San Francisco Bay area. As a teenager or young women, she was horseback almost all the time at Capitan Jennings Happy Acres Ranch or the Tularosa Ryan Three Rivers Ranch, on both of which her father was foreman, working cattle or riding for pleasure. Marilyn favored her Golden Retrievers, but lately, after fascinated with Alaska, she finished her long string of dogs with Alaskan Sled Dogs. Our heartfelt thanks to Valli West who helped her care for them.

Even though she lived a full life of accomplishment, most of all Marilyn her Savior Jesus Christ and she did her utmost to honor him in her heart and life. Marilyn was raised in the Church of the Nazarene and attended faithfully. At the end of her life, she attended Grace Community Church.

Many stars in your crown in Heaven to her family members who helped her tremendously the last few years, also the rehab hospital, hospice care, and her personal health caregivers who cared for Marilyn the last few weeks of her life.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents, her brothers Wayne, L.C., Doyle, Franklin and Baby Cozens and her sisters Cornelia Cozzens Grannis, Eileen Cozzens Parsons and Jane Cozzens, three nephews and a niece.

Marilyn is survived by her much beloved brother Ken Cozzens and many other nieces and nephews.

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Marilyn and her sister Jane 19 years ago when my store opened. They were both loyal customers who very quickly became family to me. After the passing of Jane, Marilyn still shopped with me and over the years I helped her as much as she “allowed” with deliveries to her and anything else she needed. Several month back she stopped by the store and I got to meet her brother (whom she spoke about lots) Marilyn spent hours in the store whether shopping, cropping, taking a class or just visiting everyone who met her loved her. She gave the best hugs and she will be missed by many.

Dene Van Winkle - June 11, 2024 at 09:58 AM

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“ Marilyn was a good friend and my accountant she often would call and say what can we get together for lunch or breakfast in which we did. We would talk over IHOP pancakes about church news biblical prophecy and world events her dogs what she was doing with them at the nursing home as friendly greeters. I loved the way she cared for old people who were locked away and used her dogs as a means of easing the loneliness that they had. When we started laughing about something we were hard to shut it off , she was a lot of fun! I would bring new faces to our breakfast and introduce to her or to our lunches and she was always so congenial God I'm sure welcome to home with open arms and for her generosity of laying down a gift card for the meal I thank her and I think Ken her brother for being so kind and loving to her and her time of need. I will miss her but I will see her soon!

Maureen McGinn - June 07, 2024 at 09:34 AM

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“ We shared enjoyment of card making along side of our sisters.
Marilyn was quite creative. She will be missed.

Ann Houghtaling - June 04, 2024 at 06:47 PM