

Joan Lewis

April 24, 1950 ~ June 12, 2025

Joan and I shared a love of music. She was Primary chorister when I was 12 and called to play the piano for Junior Primary as soon as I was in Young Women. She included me in planning for the Primary Program. I also know of her work at Valley High when I was also a teacher. Joan lived a good life and influenced many who have been changed for good.

- Jennifer Asher Boehme

I met Joan while she was living at Sunrise Senior Living. At first, I didn't really know her that well I'd just say hi every now and then. But one day, I decided to ask her about herself. I asked what she did for a living, and she told me she was a teacher. I was curious where she taught, so I asked her. She said she had taught at a few different schools, and one of them was Valley High School. When she said that, it really stood out to me because I went to that school. I asked her what she taught, and we talked for a little bit. That's when I found out Joan was actually one of the founders of Valley High! She told me the story about how she and a couple of other teachers realized that some students needed a different kind of learning environment. So they decided to make a change, and that's how Valley High School started. That story really stuck with me. School was always hard for me, but when I got to high school and went to Valley, things finally started to feel right. The school was great, the teachers were supportive, and I ended up graduating. Honestly, I never thought I'd be able to finish high school, let alone be where I am now. If it wasn't for Joan and the work she did to help students like me, I don't know where I'd be. Joan will always have a special place in my heart. I'll always remember that if it weren't for her, I wouldn't be where I am today. she will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. - love Colby

- Colby

Joan made such an impact to the students of Valley High. I absolutely adored her and will be forever grateful for the path she helped lead me down when other schools and teachers would have just given up. Sending condolences to her family.

- Former Student

Hi Tom Sorry for the lost of your beloved and amazing wife, I was expecting the news when I left sunrise for just a month. I was looking forward to co.e and visit her and somehow I got the news she pass. I felt bad because I still remember to stop by when I told her I will someday on my last day giving her a nice shower, fixing her hair, take her to meals, h3lping her get in the car and putting her in bed for nap time. I will forever miss her and pls do send my love to her. I was hoping to be there at her final day but saddened I'm not able to make it. I love you Tom and the family. May Joan Lewis forever rest in peace and much loves. Prayers are with you for the passing of your lovely wife. You have done a great care and I'm sorry if they haven't done a great care for your loving wife when I left. Respectfully and always Laga

- Tulaga Letoa-Kerisiano

I am so sorry for your loss, I know Tom from our support group, hopefully you and Coda can help each other through this,

- Tina Hardy

Joan touched so many of our hearts deeply.Every night she would dash home from Valley to have dinner with all of you and then back to teaching she would be each night still full of enthusiasm and energy .Joan was an incredible teacher and she saw the strength even though at times they were hidden in every student she met as well as us grown ups.I loved hearing her talk about Tom,Shalise ,and Michael’s daily events and moments as she called them .I will always cherish our friendship and never forget Joan’s warmth and her adorable sense of humor .

- Sherry Hassard

Tom, Please forgive me for missing Joan’s memorial. Know that I respected and loved her. Her time at Valley HS was just a small example of her big heart and amazing people skills. My love to you and your family.

- Laurie Brussow