Joy Smith Peterson

July 5, 1927 ~ April 20, 2023

We send our sympathies and condolences! It was a pleasure to know her.■

- Lewis & Sharon Gardiner

We are sincerely sorry for your loss. Joy was an amazing women. She would be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

- The Bell Family

Your mother/grandmother/great grandmother was such a vivacious lady to be around!! I always enjoyed her immensely. My condolences to all the family. She will be deeply missed.

- Steve & Sherrie Bourne Madsen

Joy was a great friend to me. We loved watching sporting events etc together! She was a wonderful neighbor to have in my later years. I am so.grateful for her friendship and love. We have remained friends even after moving from Daybreak and I will miss her phone calls and friendship.

- Donna Merrill

I was just thinking about Joy a few days ago. Wondering about her. Joy was one of my favorite people. Such a great influence and example. So grateful to have been one of her Blue Debs. Took tap from her in college as well. So many wonderful memories while growing up of the Petersons. Love you all. Linda Bryson Callor

- Linda Callor

The Peterson's were our across-the-street neighbors for years. I took many a dance and baton lesson in her basement and was also a member of the Blue Debs. She was an amazing woman, sending you all my deepest condolences.

- Janice (Jones) Martinsen

So grateful to have known Joy when I was attending CEU. She was a wonderful teacher and friend. Love you and thankful for all the good memories ❤■

- Patti Massman Pinedo

I have such fond memories of Joy! I loved being in Blue Debs. She helped me so much throughout my life! I will cherish her and our memories forever!!

- Laurie Branch

Words can’t say the love I have for Joy and the Peterson family. Joy was a second mother to me and Dave is my best friend. The memories of your family , I will cherish for ever. I know we will see Bill and Joy again, and again share good times. Life seems all too short, and I’m thankful for the wonderful people in my life, and you folks are the best. God bless you all. Joy will be missed. Love, Steve Holding

- Steve Holding

Joy and my mom, Shirley, were not only cousins, but great friends. Mom loved traveling with Joy because she was so energetic and game for anything. I picture them both together again doing all kinds of fun things, probably traveling the universe. It is so hard to lose this generation of people, especially special ones like Joy, but I'm sure she is bringing joy to so many on the other side. It has been fun continuing this connection with her family through Shawnda. My children (Riley, Miranda, and Abby), love you, Shawnda and they thought the world of "Grandma Joy". Such fun memories with all of you! We're so happy we get to say we're related. I'm looking forward to eternity and being together with all of these wonderful people.

- Lisa Riley Bradshaw

I had the privilege of being one of Joy’s “Blue Debs” while attending the College of Eastern Utah. We had fun! She was brilliant, talented, creative, and oh how she got us to perform. Some of my fondest memories in life happened within the walls of that gym. Thank you dear Peterson family for sharing Joy with me. Bless you during this difficult time.

- Pam Walton Peperone

Your Special Mother was a great friend and I loved her. She was so beautiful in her casket all ready to see her sweetheart. Joy was a special lady and very talented. I know you will miss her as will her friends. May you all be happy for her and her next adventure. I will continue to keep your family in my prayers as you need help and healing in the coming days. Remember that families can be together forever with Heavenly Father’s plan. Joy was a blessing to everyone.

- Jackie Rushton

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- Jackie Rushton

I have such wonderful memories of Joy and my two years at CEU where I was privileged to be apart of the Blue Debs. Joy was such a taskmaster and wanted nothing but perfection from us. I learned great discipline from her and a desire to keep going even when it was difficult. What a wonderful legacy she has left her posterity. I smile just thinking about her.

- Shelly Woodruff Craig

Condolences from our family on the loss of your mother. Ron & Linda Holding

- Ron Holding

An icon and mentor has departed. Love and hugs to comfort those left behind. The transition from presence to absence is not easy.

- Miriam Smith

I loved Joy. She was my dance teacher from eight years old and then I was on her drill team BLUE DEBS for 2 years in college. She made me who I am today. I retired from the FBI after 27 years and the confidence she built in me helped me with an incredible career all over the world. She was loved and respected by so many.

- Cheryl Ray (NAY)

I still occasionally do a time-step…and think of Joy. She was so very kind and helpful to this awkward farm boy and so many other students at CEU. Thank you, Joy, for living and sharing your name.

- Nathan Wright