



## Gloria Jean Butcher

*April 7, 1957 ~ September 11, 2023*

Gloria was born April 7th, 1957 to Vernon and Phyllis Haines in Tacoma, Washington. She moved to Utah at a young age following her father's military career. Gloria met her husband, Jerry Butcher in 1973 by fate of a prank phone call. They were happily married in 1975 and since then they have never left each other's side. During their life together they successfully raised 3 children, Sarah, Josh and Jeremy. Although being a mother was never easy, she always put them and everyone else above herself. She took so much pleasure in giving and making sure the people she cared for were attended to at any cost. At times she worked multiple jobs simultaneously, but never neglected being an amazing mother and wonderful wife.

Gloria was a very intuitive woman. It just seemed like there was nothing she could not do. Her many talents included sewing, crafts, gardening, and working on anything she thought needed done. If something new came up, she would simply figure it out and go to work on it. Everything she did was done to absolute perfection and it is still not clear how one person could do so many things so well.

As their children grew up and moved out, Gloria took to continuing her motherly intuition by spoiling her pets. She raised dogs, chickens, quail and even some pheasants. Each of her dogs were treated just like they were her children and she loved them as such.

In 2007 Gloria was diagnosed with breast cancer. Through this devastation, her strong will took over and she was able to initially conquer it. For many years she had to live with knowing someday it could return. Unfortunately, in 2016 she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, which sadly is terminal. Once again, with her unbreakable strength and courage she was able to keep it at bay for longer than the expected time. She underwent countless treatments and appointments through her battle. Everyone that knew Gloria could not understand how she could maintain her busy, productive life and battle this horrible disease at the same time. On many occasions her loved ones begged her to rest, but her persistence to get things done always came first and foremost. Quickly the phrase "The strongest woman we've ever known" was established from her family and friends. With her fighting strength, she was able to fend off the cancer for a total of over 16 years until her passing from pneumonia on September 11, 2023.

Gloria is survived by her loving husband Jerry Butcher, Daughter Sarah (Josh) Christison. Sons, Josh (Danielle) Butcher and Jeremy (Cassie) Butcher along with her 10 grandchildren and her 3 dogs.

She is preceded in death by Vernon and Phyllis Haines (father/mother) along with David Haines (brother).

Due to Gloria's giving nature, the family would request blanket donations in lieu of flowers. Please send them directly to the family or funeral home where they can then donate them in her honor to local animal shelters and the homeless.