



## Joann Carol Veleber

June 16, 1946 - November 9, 2012

Joann Carol Rikansrud Veleber, 66, passed away on November 9, 2012 with her loving husband at her side. Joann was born in Bremerton, Washington in 1946 to Ernest and Mary Rikansrud. She graduated from Highline High School in 1964, Central Washington University in 1968 and obtained her Masters in Adult Education from Western Washington University in 1985. She began a long teaching career after her graduation from Central Washington that lasted until 2007, when she retired as a Spanish teacher from Lakewood High School in Arlington, Washington.

Joann will be remembered by her family and those who knew her as a strong and positive person who loved and cared for all. She fulfilled every role she played to the utmost, as a dedicated daughter, loving wife, inspiring teacher, joyful and accepting mother and faithful friend.

Throughout her life she brought people together using her sharp wit and wisdom. An intellectual at heart, she had a love of reading and an intense interest in learning. Her retirement years were spent traveling around the world and sharing time with friends and family.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, John, daughter Jamie (Aaron) Calhoun, son Jeremy (Jenny) Veleber, son Joseph (Susan) Veleber, sisters Delores Sjostrom and Doris Rainer, and 5 grandchildren who were the light of

her life, Noah, Molly, Samuel, Cole and Meredith, two granddogs as well as multiple nieces and nephews.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 17 at Grace Lutheran Church, 702 G Street, Blaine, WA at 1:00 pm with final interment at Acacia Memorial Park, Seattle, WA. Donations Information

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Washington, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, Box 356460, Seattle, WA 98195.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Joanne will always be in our hearts she always had positive attitude about life. thank you Hannah & family

Hannah rainer - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joann was a great teacher and mentor to my daughter. I will remember her kindness and joy. My sympathy goes out to her family.

Teresa Carlson - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs Veleber was my high school Spanish teacher. She was wonderful and always made class fun. We were hyper high school students, but she understood and tried to make us pay attention!! She was a very sweet person. I actually went on to minor in Spanish and owed a lot of my knowledge to what I had learned from her. She was a wonderful person and I am sorry for the loss.

Jessica - November 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM