



## Joy Armida Meissner

March 5, 1944 - February 9, 2026

Joy Armida Meissner of Lynden, WA, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 9, 2026, at the age of 81.

Born in Bellingham, Washington, in 1944, Joy was the oldest of five siblings born to Harvey Jerome Flugekvam and Lily Armida Flugekvam. She grew up in Bellingham and attended Bellingham High School, where she played the French horn in the marching band. She went on to study biblical theology at Northwest Bible College before marrying and starting her family.

Joy was devoted to serving the Lord and was called to many ministries throughout her life. During her years as a young adult, she was called to Teen Challenge in Seattle and to youth pastoring at various churches in the Pacific Northwest. Years later, with a growing family of her own, she opened her home as a foster parent, caring for as many

as thirteen children over nearly a decade. During this time, she also served as the director at Birthright, where she worked alongside women facing unplanned pregnancies. She supported them emotionally and logistically as they prepared to welcome new life into the world, a role she was especially passionate about.

Joy held a deep appreciation for God's creation. From the beaches of the Oregon Coast

to the Buffalo River in Arkansas, she found peace and inspiration in the natural world.

She loved thunderstorms and the sound of cicadas. She loved lightning bugs and the

cool winds that cut through humid Midwestern evenings. More than anything, she

delighted in sharing moments in nature with the people she loved.

True to her name, Joy lifted the spirits of those around her with her kindness, empathy,

generosity, and humor. Joy was always ready to lend an ear, offer a hug, provide

encouragement, or share in a joke. Her laughter was big, rollicking, and contagious,

often filling the room and making ordinary moments unforgettable. Joy will be dearly

missed by all who had the good fortune to know and love her.

Joy is survived by her children Daniel Meissner, Deonne Almacen, Dominick Meissner,

David Meissner, and Carmen Durfey; her grandchildren Emmaline, Isabella, Caleb,

Cricket, Astrid, and Madeline; her sisters Luanne and Rachel; and her brother Paul. She was preceded in death by her parents Harvey Jerome Flugekvam and Lily Armida Flugekvam and her sister Nadine Cantelon.

A graveside service will be conducted at Moles Greenacres Memorial Park on Monday, March 16, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the home of David and Elaine Meissner

# Cemetery Details

## Greenacres Memorial Park

5700 Northwest Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 384-3401

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moles Farewell Tributes & Crematory – Greenacres  
5700 Northwest Drive  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 384-3401

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joy Armida Meissner.

March 11 at 01:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joy Armida Meissner.



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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joy Armida Meissner.



March 09 at 10:50 AM

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“ Dear Deonne, Daniel, Dominic, David and family,  
I was so sad to hear of your mom's passing, although, I am SO thankful she is no longer having to be in the nursing home and be in pain. I loved her dearly, she was one of my best friends. I loved working with her for so many years, she was a loyal employee. I'm praying for all of you and trusting that God will give each of you His supernatural peace and comfort. She was such a prayer warrior and her prayers will always keep you in God's care.  
I wish I could be there to personally hug each of you! Know that your mom's greatest prayer was always that each of you would find the peace and love of Jesus and give your hearts to Him.  
My heart is broken that I couldn't be there to tell her goodbye but I know I'll see her again in heaven someday.  
God bless you all!  
Linda Downing-Flinn

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Linda DowningFlinn - February 20 at 08:40 PM

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“ Dear family of Joy Meissner, thinking of all of you at this difficult time. But what a joy to know she is safe with her Savior now.

One favorite memory to share. When I was attending Evangel College in Springfield, I often drove to Iowa over the weekend to tend to farm matters and visit mom (Mary Meissner). One weekend, Joy thought it would be grand to ride along and visit mom, so she jumped in the car and we took off. As we were driving that Friday night we saw football game lights ahead. She said she'd not been to a game in years - so spontaneously, we stopped in the middle of Missouri to watch part of the game! She thought that drive and visit was great - and was a special memory for me too!

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Mike Meissner - February 19 at 08:37 PM