



## Joanne Marilyn Henson

November 28, 1937 - April 22, 2025

Joanne Marilyn Henson, age 87, of Yreka, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Born on November 28, 1937, Joanne lived a full and vibrant life, touching the hearts of many.

Joanne was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Earl V. Henson; her mother, Adella Warnick; her father, James G. Ele; and her siblings, Richard Ele and Ivan Warnick.

She is survived by her loving children: Charley Floyd Stafford III, Lori Houlihan, Diana Stafford, Bill Stafford, and Carole & Lynn Gourley; and her daughter-in-law Kitty Aiello and her husband Robert Gibson. Joanne was a cherished grandmother to Myra and Dave Russell, Jesse and TeriAnn Stafford, Danielle Chapman, Jessica Porter, Melissa Houlihan, Chris Houlihan, Michelle Brackley, Clay Brackley, and Ivy Ainsworth. Her legacy continues through her great-grandchildren: Patience Russell, Summer Russell, Karly Stafford, Delila Longmore, Korbin Longmore, Hunter Chapman, Piper Angel, Seth Houlihan, Callie Houlihan, and Ashleigha Brackley. She is also survived by her great-great-grandchild: Kaito Bellamy; her dear sister Irish Warnick, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Throughout her life, Joanne dedicated herself to providing for her family through her work as a housekeeper in various motels and nursing homes. She took pride in her work and was known for her strong work ethic.

Joanne embraced life with enthusiasm and dedication. She was an avid crocheter, creating countless beautiful pieces for her loved ones. For over 40

years, she was a dedicated member of T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), finding camaraderie and support within the organization. Joanne was also a passionate bingo lover, always ready for a friendly game. Her commitment to her community shone through her 40 years of involvement with the Elks Lodge and the VFW Auxiliary. In addition, Joanne generously volunteered her time at the Broadway New to You Thrift Store, where she enjoyed helping others and connecting with her community.

A committal service will be held on Monday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Cemetery (853 Evergreen Lane, Yreka).

Following the committal, relatives and friends are invited to celebrate Joanne's life at the Elks Lodge, located at 332 W. Miner Street in Yreka. Your presence and shared memories will be a comfort to the family. If you wish, please feel free to bring your favorite dish to share - it would be a wonderful addition to the gathering as we remember Joanne together!

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the VFW Auxiliary in Joanne's memory.

Joanne will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Her warmth, her giving spirit, and her unwavering dedication to her passions will be fondly remembered.

# Tribute Wall



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Girdner Funeral Chapel - April 27 at 03:28 PM

LH

“ *That's my mom I miss arguing with her, and will hate I couldn't because of my brothers ex wife, not fare*

Lori Houlihan - June 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *All these folk, cut her biological kids out, I am her double, I wasn't allowed there, I didn't show because of that! I'm her double, don't pass out because seen her twice, I look like her, but I'm not I'm me, her older daughter.*

Lori Houlihan - June 23, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Q: *What was Joanne really good at?*

*A: My grandma was really good at crocheting. When I was 13 years old I asked if she could teach me and she did. Funny thing is, I am left handed. Crocheting is the on thing I can do with my right hand. She had me sit on the floor in front of her while she trained my right hand the motions. I can't crochet with my left hand. I love you grandma!*

Michele Brackley - May 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies... Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Joanne was a joy to work with at Elks Bingo.

Byran and Nancy Duncan, Edgewood, CA - May 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ She was the sweetest lady ever and I loved her very much. She was a very special friend. I will miss her so much I am sending my sincere condolences and prayers 🙏🙏



Marsha Farley - May 01, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for Joanne Marilyn Henson - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Loved playing bingo with Joanne in Yreka, Gazelle, Greenview and White City. I was blessed to have purple crouched dollies. I treasured our visits of prayer and encouragement when she was at Asante this spring. Her love hugs and smile will definitely be missed I am recovering from surgery so I am unable to make the trip for her memorial. Love hugs to all as you celebrate her life of kindness to others. Praying God's comfort for all. This is my favorite photo. Until we meet again my friend.

Gary And Kathy Preszler - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM

SS

“*Joanne was one of the kindest and most caring person I have known, but she could also be very feisty. I met her in TOPs when I joined years ago. In the days of Barbara Cherry, Marie Kellogg , and Joanne. They are all gone now but will never be forgotten. Thank you Joanne for all the you did to keep our TOPs club going for so many years, saddened to say, it too, has passed. Bless your family for all the wonderful care they gave you. Susan S.*

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**susan sorenson** - April 30, 2025 at 12:00 AM