



Joy Hannah Peterson

April 17, 1986 - June 2, 2016

Joy Hannah Peterson age 30, born April 17, 1986 in Yakima, Washington. She went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on June 2, 2016 near Arlington, Washington. She grew up in Toppenish, graduated from Toppenish High in 2004 and attended Yakima Valley College. She worked locally at Schell Produce and Corn Maze, Ace Hardware, as a Security Officer for Phoenix, Habitat for Humanity both as a volunteer and as a staff member and at Snipes Mountain Brewery. She also worked at Interstate Mills grain elevator in Hayfield, Minnesota.

In January 2005, the Lord led her to join the Army Reserve, she completed her basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. She was then posted in Spokane, WA. Joy deployed overseas to Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom March 2008-09, as a Hazmat certifier. In addition to her responsibilities, Joy was also Safety/Environmental NCO. Three weeks after returning home she was stationed in Beaumont, Texas. She participated on the women's Army Boxing Team. The second deployment was to Afghanistan, after a week she moved to a position in Kuwait. Joy received 2 Army Achievement metals and 2 Army Accommodation metals and also many coins, awards and decorations. Joy received a coin from the Trans Com, General Duncan McNabb, for her work at the Port of Beaumont and other missions. She currently served at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Arlington, WA as the Movement Control NCO. In addition to her duties she covered a vacant supply SGT position. Joy served

here 8 months making a big impact on her fellow soldiers. Her rank was Staff Sergeant, E6, she was in preparation for promotion.

Joy's interests were country music, anything to do with computers, cell phones, and great outdoors. She loved to hike, draw, take road trips, basketball and beer tasting. She longed to be in Minnesota on her grandparent's farm.

She grew up in Faith Lutheran Church, attended the Log Church in White Swan and Hope for the Nations Foursquare in Toppenish. She loved the Lord and listened for his direction for her life.

Joy was a tender hearted person toward both people and animals. Her first dog, whom she loved was named Charity. And her current "baby" a 90 some pound mixed breed named Chewy, was her bundle of "Joy." He will be cared for by a loving military family. Joy cared deeply about her friends so much so that she always worked hard to reconcile differences and retain friendships.

Joy's named described her well. She was often nicknamed "Joyful." She was named after her great grandmother, JoHannah Schnettler of Ohio. Her friends and family agree that these statements describe her: "She never let moss grow under her feet." "She was very competitive." "In everything she did she gave it her all, one hundred percent or more."

Joy is survived by her parents Merlin and Denice Peterson, her sister Faith Peterson of Toppenish, WA, her grandmother Orlene Peterson of Blooming Prairie, MN and her grandparents Robert and Jeanne Winterfeld of Toppenish, WA. She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her grandfather Eldred Peterson.

Joy will be missed deeply. We appreciate all the support from her military

family, the prayer's and memories from family and friends.

The celebration of Joy's life will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 61801 Highway 97 Toppenish, WA on June 11, 2016 at 13:30.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Habitat for Humanity International. Friends and family can send condolences to toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 12:30 PM (PT)

Faith Lutheran Church
61800 US-97
Toppenish, WA 98948
(509) 865-4681

Tribute Wall



“ Joy Hannah Peterson

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ I'm saddened to hear about the loss of Joy. She was a student in my 3rd grade class at Kirkwood Elementary School. I remember Joy as kind, considerate, and always smiling. I still have an ornament that she made for me at Christmas. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Pam Belton

Pam Belton - June 16, 2016 at 01:05 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Jerry & Barb Pettit



BARB PETTIT - June 13, 2016 at 12:52 PM

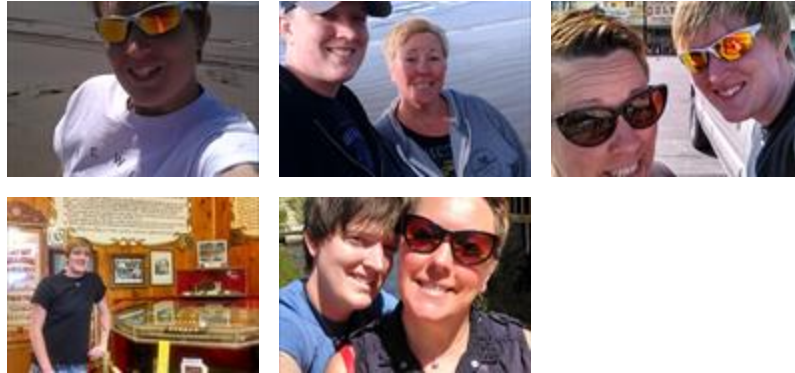


“ Our deepest condolences to the family. May God give you comfort through this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Juan and Norma - June 11, 2016 at 03:11 PM

CH

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Charlotte Harold - June 11, 2016 at 10:21 AM

Tiffany Allen

“ Tiffany Allen lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson



Tiffany Allen - June 11, 2016 at 12:20 AM

RP

“ Our dear Joy! We will miss you. She gave us so many laughs and always had a response to everything and anything. Joy brought much sunshine wherever she went especially with her smile and personality!? Thankful for sharing your beautiful daughter with us all. You have our deepest sympathies.

Mrs. Raquel Perez
THS Secretary
8/1996 - 9/2005

Raquel Perez - June 10, 2016 at 07:18 PM

KO

“ *Some memories that I had with Joy was 2014 4th of July party, the tour of the mansion, and working in the shop. You will be missed by many including me. Love, Kylee*



Kylee O'Brien - June 10, 2016 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ *Joy with Raquel and Julie....my seniors that year 2004 ♡♡♡ #24*



Le Ann Strahle - June 10, 2016 at 10:21 AM

DE

“ My deepest condolences to Joy's family. I met Joy a few months back. She served in the Reserves with my sister and they became very good friends. You could almost say they were like sisters. Joy is an appropriate name for this sweet angel. Her laughter was infectious and she struck me as someone with a child like playful spirit. My sisters and I enjoyed an outing to Winthrop together and I can say I haven't had that much fun in quite a while. She was literally a "joy" to be around and so at home with nature. She had us stop at some tower structure by a steam and she wanted to climb it. We also stopped on the side of the road, danced to some funky music, and played in the snow. It seems she won her way into our hearts, never to be forgotten.

I had just added Joy to my facebook, when she sent me a personal Mother's Day msg. I was so impressed that she thought enough about me to send me a msg.

My granddaughter also warmed up to her the first time she met her, and she doesn't warm up to just anyone, but Joy was down on the floor playing with her like a kid.

I am saddened that I didn't know her longer, but I felt as if she was just part of our family and I've known her forever. She will be greatly missed by myself and I know my sister grieves dearly for her best friend.

My heart and prayers go out to her family and all her loved ones in your time of grief.

Conversation started May 8

Joy Peterson

5/8, 1:08pm

Joy Peterson

Hope your having a happy Mother's Day

Dee Creed

5/8, 1:09pm

Dee Creed

Oh thank you so much!

Joy Peterson

5/8, 1:10pm

Joy Peterson
Your welcome

I invited her to my granddaughter's first birthday. Her and my sister were to be going off together with the Reserves, so they couldn't make it. She responded to my invitation to the party.

May 29

Joy Peterson

5/29, 10:14am

Joy Peterson

I can't make it. I am flying out of town that day :(

May 29

Dee Creed

5/29, 1:52pm

Dee Creed

ya thats okay.

Joy Peterson

5/29, 1:53pm

Joy Peterson

Would if I was going to be here though

Dee Creed

5/29, 1:53pm

Dee Creed

that's fine. I added ppl even though I know they can't come just to let u know you are part of the family :-)

Joy Peterson

5/29, 1:55pm

Joy Peterson

I have fun with y'all and I'm honored to be a part of it. :)

Sent from Messenger

Rest in Peace Joy. We love you and still consider you family...unitl we meet again.

-DeeDee

DeeDee - June 10, 2016 at 02:30 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joy Hannah Peterson.*



June 09, 2016 at 11:06 PM



“ *Leslie Calderon and the G4 family purchased the With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket for the family of Joy Hannah Peterson.*



Leslie Calderon and the G4 family - June 09, 2016 at 09:44 PM



“ *You were a great leader, and you will be missed. Thank you for the guidance and friendship you showed to all.*

James Smithe - June 09, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ *Joy's name says it all. She always had a smile on her face and would light up my day whenever she walked into my classroom. My life has been blessed because of this special young women. May God watch over the Peterson family.*

Darla Carnevali - June 09, 2016 at 09:15 PM

TN

Joy was a special person that we will never forget . Our Naomi grew up playing many sports with her. She was very competitive. We talked to her last at Safeway a couple summers back and she was so nice and kind. We enlisted talking to her not knowing it would be the last time. Thank you Joy for your time and stories you shared!! Many thoughts are with the Peterson family. Your daughter was special.

The Flores Family (Bernardo, Nora & Naom - June 11, 2016 at 02:38 PM

DC

“ *Darla Carnevali lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Darla Carnevali - June 09, 2016 at 09:09 PM

LC

“ *Condolences to Joy's family. I enjoyed working with SSG Peterson. She was always smiling and someone I would consider a friend. Last thing we talked about was getting her papers in for Promotion. I know she would've gotten that promotion and been great at it. She deserved it !! I will miss you. LC*



Leslie Calderon - June 09, 2016 at 08:21 PM

JB

“ *Jane Berghoff lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Jane Berghoff - June 09, 2016 at 07:59 PM

JB

Truly one a kind person....always friendly, helpful and full of stories...she will be missed. Prayers to all her family and friends! Gone too soon.

Jane Berghoff - June 09, 2016 at 08:02 PM

TW

“*Joy was always willing to help. When we were home the summer of 2012 I needed help unloading a storage unit in Seattle, Joy, always willing to help took her truck to Seattle and helped me unload the unit, towed the stuff back to Yakima and helped me put it in storage. We had a great Sushi Lunch that day.*”



Timothy Winterfeld - June 09, 2016 at 04:46 PM

BO

“*R.I.P Joy* 💔”



Braden O'Brien - June 09, 2016 at 03:00 PM

DS

“*Deborah Schnettler lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*”



Deborah Schnettler - June 09, 2016 at 01:52 PM

LP

“ *Lora Pugsley lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Lora Pugsley - June 09, 2016 at 01:46 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joy Hannah Peterson.*



June 09, 2016 at 11:53 AM

DE

“ *DeeDee lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



DeeDee - June 09, 2016 at 03:57 AM

LO

“ *Lorna O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Lorna O'Brien - June 08, 2016 at 11:06 PM

BP

“ *Bev Page lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Bev Page - June 08, 2016 at 10:52 PM

LO

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Lorna O'Brien - June 08, 2016 at 10:51 PM

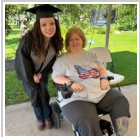


Jennifer Benson

“ *Jennifer Benson lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Jennifer Benson - June 08, 2016 at 10:11 PM



“ *Shelly Bauman lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Shelly Bauman - June 08, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Cris Stonerock lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Cris Stonerock - June 08, 2016 at 08:22 PM



It pains my heart to know your gone rest easy Joy♥♥♥♥ You were always the sweetest friend in school.

Crystal Florez - June 08, 2016 at 08:57 PM



“ *I will cherish every memory of you my heart aches you will forever be in my heart you cared so much about everybody until we meet again*



Yolanda Orozco - June 08, 2016 at 07:38 PM

DO

“ I just found out about Joy--I am soo Heartsick--my only consolation is that I know how much she loved the Lord and that He better be ready cuz shes going to bring alot of Joy and Smiles and Laughter to Heaven--thats for sure (: !!! I love her so much and I am in shock that she is not here anymore. She had the most caring beautiful spirit--always fighting for the underdog with the spirit of a Lion...Nikki, Kyle and I will miss her greatly. I could go on and on and on ----she was truly one of a kind!! Please know that our hearts share all the emotions you all do as well...All our love--Diane, Nikki and Kyle

Diane Ostrander - June 08, 2016 at 06:49 PM

BW

“ Beverly Winterfeld lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson



beverly winterfeld - June 08, 2016 at 06:25 PM

GJ

“ There are no words to express the sadness that is felt, you were an amazing human and a blessing to know! You will truly be missed, until we meet again Battle!



Gabriel Manjares Jr - June 08, 2016 at 06:25 PM

AW

“ Amy Wright lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson



Amy wright - June 08, 2016 at 06:23 PM

AW

“ I have so many years of memories with you joy Peterson from the first time I met you at Ace Hardware , No matter what we were doing, making dinner, watching a movie, or just visiting with each other I enjoyed every moment. I could go on for days with all our memories. I remember the last time I saw you was the day before mother's day you woke me up at 630 am said you were on your way up and we were going for coffee and a drive, I remember walking out in my pj's and you just laughed. I told you I hope we don't have to get out of the car for anything lol.....we just drove and talked as we enjoyed our coffee, it's memories like this that I'm going to miss but I'm so grateful I have these and many more to look back on. I love you my friend and I can't wait until we meet again. Love Amy



Amy wright - June 08, 2016 at 06:18 PM

RS

We just heard of your loss of your daughter. Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this time. Rose n Ralph

rose sampson - June 13, 2016 at 08:37 PM

DO

“ *Diane Ostrander lit a candle in memory of Joy Hannah Peterson*



Diane Ostrander - June 08, 2016 at 06:15 PM

BM

“ *So sorry for your loss.
Beulah Moore*

Beulah Moore - June 08, 2016 at 04:48 PM

JL

“ *Rose and I have so many good memories of Joy over the years. She had an out going personality and seemed to easily make friends with people. She was always so full of life and seemed to know the goal for her life.
Merlin, Denise, Faith and family, we are so sorry for your loss.
John And Rose Lopez*

John and Rose Lopez - June 08, 2016 at 04:41 PM

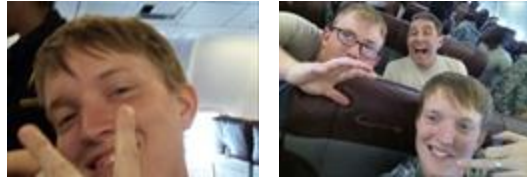
TH

“ *Laughing with you at Prom & looking at old pictures of you in a dress at your senior prom! You even curled your hair! 🙄 We also laughed at the fact that Taylor was 2 years old when we first met & how she was now 17 & at prom!!!! You will be missed Joy! I was blessed to know you 💕💕*

Tere Hernandez - June 08, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BB

“ *When we got home from the Middle East in 2013*



bryan butcher - June 08, 2016 at 03:59 PM



DesiRawr
Romero

“ *"Mine mine mine"..lol good times ..rip* ♡



DesiRawr Romero - June 08, 2016 at 03:35 PM

LS

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Le Ann Strahle - June 08, 2016 at 03:02 PM

LS

I remember the first time I saw this long legged, energetic young lady. I was helping with Jr High basketball practice and you were in the 8th grade. Two years later you would be playing HS ball in my program. Oh...the stories I have :) the time you sun burned your feet so bad you couldn't play summer ball, the time we went to team camp at Chelan HS, when you missed the bus to Granger, and when you got kicked out of the game in Connell and had to sit the next game out. After graduation, our friendship grew...from babysitting Trenton, your varies travels, different jobs and military experiences - I got to hear a lot of fun stories and share in your travels. I think the time that will stick with me the most is the honor you gave me - in taking you to Ft. Lewis for your last deployment. We talked the whole trip over, had lunch, and then hung out on base until we had to say good-bye. I know we shared some tears.....I will truly miss you my dear! I am so glad that you are a part of my life and family (must be that Minnesota connection)!! My boys love you, John loved to give you a bad time (Spiderman popcorn), I always looked forward to your texts or calls. It was fun seeing you at Prom last month. Till we meet again...keep laughing at our stories and smiling down on us - Love you my friend.

Le Ann Straehle - June 09, 2016 at 11:04 AM



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Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home - June 08, 2016 at 01:45 PM



SGT Peterson, SFC Rehfeld, and I (Chief Berger) attended HAZMAT school at Ft Lewis. Joy was so unsure of herself and thought she wouldn't pass. I think she outscored both Redfield and me. She was always smiling and laughing.

Jack Berger - June 08, 2016 at 04:33 PM