



Celebrating The Life Of Janie Maya

“If we didn’t know you are in a better place, we’d try to pray you back.”

Janie Kay Maya passed to her new life in Heaven on Friday, March 18, 2022, after a heroic battle with brain cancer and dementia. Born to Arthur and Mary Myers seventy years earlier on February 22, 1952, in Buffalo, Wyoming, she joined five brothers and four sisters as the baby of the family.

Janie attended Buffalo schools until she paused her education to care for her terminally ill mother. She later resumed her schooling and received her high school diploma from Kaycee High School in May 1971. In that same year she married, and for the next few years lived and worked with her husband on various ranches in Washakie and Johnson counties. A son, Juaquin Maya, became the light of her life, until his death in a boating accident.

A woman of many talents, Janie could upholster a chair, cook a steak to perfection, buck hay with the best of them, save the lives of bum lambs, tend to a sick dog, mow the yard, raise piglets, manage a household, and raise a son. Her independence showed when she wouldn’t ask for help 99% of the time. Hard work was part of her life, and she embraced the challenges. She enjoyed Basque festivals, rodeos, riding around in the countryside looking for wildlife, and attending several high school basketball and football games to support the kids of Buffalo. The John Wayne movie ‘McClintock’ was viewed by her so many times that she could almost quote the entire script.

Her three dogs, Goobey, Squeak the beak, and Gidgie were her treasures. Goobey was credited with saving Janie’s life when he would wake her by jumping on her because he sensed something was wrong. When Janie took him to the vet, thinking he was sick, the vet noticed Janie having a seizure, which led to her diagnosis.

Life was to be lived and self-pity was not a part of hers. When she was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor Janie became her family’s Rock of Gibraltar, teaching them how to face life head on with a positive outlook that included laughter, not tears. She was a remarkable lady, accepting of everyone, and a joy to be around. For her sister, she was “my partner in crime (fun), my best friend and confidante, my soul mate...forever.” She will be missed.

Janie was preceded in death by her parents, her son Juaquin; brothers Coog Myers and baby boy Myers, and sisters Mary Ann Harvey, and Thelma McCracken. She is survived by her grandchildren, Brittany (Jake) Anderson of Lone Tree and Ty Maya of Gillette; great grandchildren Weston, Orin, and Leroy Anderson; brothers Don (Yvonne) Kraen of Buffalo, Doug (Carla) Myers of Gillette, Willie (Donna) Myers of Buffalo, and Herman (Pat) Myers of Buffalo; sisters Johanna (Lee) Gaskill of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Kathy (Ed) Snyder of Ellensburg, Washington; plus, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.



February 22, 1952 - March 18, 2022

I AM FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Loving Memory Of

Janie Kay Maya

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm
Willow Grove Cemetery

OFFICIATING

Father Pete Johnson

MUSIC

On The Wings Of A Dove
Beer Barrel Polka

PALLBEARERS

Mike Miller, Ty Maya, Duane Myers
Rick Myers, Dan Myers and Gary Kraen

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