



## Rhonda Eileen Jorgensen

January 24, 1965 - June 18, 2011

Rhonda Eileen Jorgensen died at home in Cheney, Washington on June 18 following a courageous 12 1/2 year long battle with cancer. She was born January 24, 1965 in Provo Utah. She moved to Cheney where she has lived since 1968. During her struggle with cancer, she continued to be an active and faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints serving in many capacities, including serving as an Ordinance Worker in the Spokane Washington Temple until her health prevented her from doing so. She is survived by her parents, Clay and Doris Jorgensen of Cheney, Washington; a brother Elmer Jorgensen and wife Sarah of Medical Lake, Washington; a brother Layne Jorgensen and wife Leanne of Roseburg Oregon; A sister Julia Jorgensen Rogers and husband Jay of Boardman, Oregon; a sister Sheila Jorgensen Graham and husband Lee of Pasco, Washington; fifteen adoring nieces and nephews; and countless aunts, uncles and cousins; and last, but not least, her faithful dog Gretchen. She was preceded in death by her four grandparents and a nephew. She was deeply loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. She will be honored in a funeral service at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Chapel at 2536 North 6th Street, Cheney, Washington, on Friday, June 24, at 2 pm following a short viewing period at the church one hour prior to the service. Internment will be at the Fairview Cemetery, Salnave Road in Cheney, Washington. Her parents want to thank all who have offered kind and caring acts of service during Rhonda's long illness. Cheney Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rhonda and I went to school together and she was always such a sweet girl. I will miss her smile. My prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of such sadness.

JoAnn (Konis) Baker - July 28, 2011 at 09:36 PM

RB

“ Oh. I am so sad. I so wish I had looked for Rhonda sooner. She and I were good friends in high school. She was always really quiet and it only know as a "grown up" that I realize how kind and compassionate she was.

Rachel Bachman - July 21, 2011 at 04:19 PM

KJ

“ I have been praying for all of you. May the Lord bless you at this time of loss.

Kelly Johnson - June 26, 2011 at 12:32 AM

CB

“ I admired Rhonda's courage in keeping going in spite of her illness. She always had a smile for me at the temple even though you could see the pain she was experiencing in her eyes and face. I saw her working there often. What an inspiration! She was the temple worker assigned to assist our daughter, Shelley, when she received her endowment. I knew she was in good hands while I waited for her in the bride's room. It was a wonderful day to be in the temple and Rhonda will always be part of our memories of that day. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Love, Craig and Lara Beazer, 5 Mile Prairie (formerly Brentwood)Ward, Spokane North Stake

Craig and Lara Beazer - June 23, 2011 at 12:38 PM

PC

“ Some people spend a hundred years on this earth and make only half the impact that Rhonda has made on so many lives in her short time. She was warm and accepting of all, kind and generous, and always willing to help others not matter what battle she herself was fighting. There is no one on this earth that ever met her that wouldn't say they were better off for knowing her. I will miss her smile and positive attitude but it will never be forgotten.

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**Pam Craig** - June 23, 2011 at 12:32 PM

CB

“ *Rhonda Eileen Jorgensen*

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**Craig and Lara Beazer** - June 23, 2011 at 12:29 PM

WM

“ I am blessed to have Rhonda as my friend. Her love of family was an inspiration and she was especially proud when she shared stories about her nieces and nephews. We rejoiced with her over their accomplishments and felt proud with her when one of them did something special for her. When she shared her trip to Holy Land and talked about sitting in the garden at Gethsemane, standing on the shore of the river and walking where Jesus walked her face was animated with pure joy.

At work she was essential in establishing the quality products we sell and many times we ask each other, “What would Rhonda do?” Sometimes it makes us laugh and sometimes grimace, dig in and go the extra mile. Several years ago we held a fund raiser for a co-worker’s grandson who needed a medical procedure. I don’t know whose idea it was to have a dunk booth with supervisors and managers as the dunkees. But I do remember how smug I was sitting dry on that seat after failed attempts by co-workers to dunk me, my 30 minutes nearly expired, when Rhonda stepped up with basketball in hand. I tried to delay her throw by begging, crying asking about the time, begging. Rhonda shifted the ball to her other hand, looked at her watch and grinned the biggest grin I would ever see on her face, apologized and knocked me off that pedestal! Thank your for sharing her with us.

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**Wendy MacArthur** - June 22, 2011 at 08:22 PM

KW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We still hold many fond memories of our family's years in Cheney. Rhonda was a year older than I but many memories from school and church both. God bless your family. Kent & Celia Williams, The family of Lonzo and Melba Williams

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**Kent Williams** - June 22, 2011 at 06:23 PM

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“ I am so thankful for the opportunity I had to know Rhonda. She was a wonderful woman and was always a great example. I grew up in the Cheney 1st ward and had Rhonda as a YW leader and a choir director. Her love for music was inspiring. My thoughts and prayers are with the Jorgensen family.  
With love and deepest sympathy, Nicole Vannatter (McLaughlin)

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**Nicole Vannatter (McLaughlin)** - June 22, 2011 at 02:27 PM

DB

“ Wonderful and courageous are the words I would use to describe Rhonda. You will be greatly missed!

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**Darcy Burger** - June 22, 2011 at 01:53 PM

SS

“ Rhonda was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her. I know her faith helped her through her long struggle. Her pain and suffering is over and she is in a much better place.

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**Sharron Silva-Taylor** - June 22, 2011 at 01:50 PM

MM

“ My prayers are with Rhonda's family and Gretchen at this time of incredible loss.  
Rhonda and I worked together on the Employee fund for Acranet/CBS Collections. Each year for the Christmas party is was one of our jobs to stuff the stockings with candy and tickets for the door prizes. It never failed that when we got to the last stocking we came up short and had to start all over again. Rhonda always got such a kick out of this and laughed and said "you would think that one of these years we could get it right the first time!" I will remember Rhonda for is her wonderful sense of humor-she could laugh no matter what the circumstance. And her courage was immense. She is with God now and I feel privilaged that she called me her friend.

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**Marilyn Masterson** - June 22, 2011 at 01:34 PM

CH

“ I had worked with Rhonda since 2002 and greatly enjoyed my time working with her. She was integral in the early stages in creating a better product that we now offer more broadly. She was a diligent worker who gave her all to every task she worked on. Rhonda was always a great voice of reason, I will miss her very much, I had always hoped that somehow the treatments would turn her health around and that we would be graced with her again at the office.

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**Cole Hockett** - June 22, 2011 at 12:58 PM

NW

“ The employees of ACRAnet will long remember Rhonda's courage during the years she battled cancer. Her work ethic never faltered and she always maintained her positive attitude. Rhonda provided inspiration to all.

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**Nick Warrick** - June 22, 2011 at 12:58 PM

DS

“ I worked with Rhonda for about a year and always enjoyed sparring with her about cats (me), vs dogs (her). I told her Gretchen needed a cat to keep her company and Rhonda always responded that they had enough chew toys.

*I am so sorry for your loss. She will be missed.*

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**Dianna Shimizu** - June 22, 2011 at 12:44 PM

JB

“ To the Jorgensen Family. Rhonda was a very special person to me. I worked with her and knew her for the past four years. She trained me and instilled a work ethic, quality of customer service and due diligence that I will carry with me always. The employment screening division at Acranet is what it is today because of her. I hope everyday to live up to and carry on her standards. Rhonda's strength and courage was so inspirational, she was the strongest woman I have ever known. Her faith and courage is something I can live by and think of everyday. I thank God I knew her. Jacquie Brownell

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**JACQUIE BROWNELL** - June 22, 2011 at 12:00 PM