



## Jo Coplea

November 5, 1928 - September 23, 2010

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for JO ELLEN COPLEA 81, will be held at 10am Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Don Mathis officiating. Burial will follow in the LaGrange, Wyoming cemetery. Jo Ellen died September 23, 2010 in Little America, Wyoming and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the Torrington Senior Friendship Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com). Jo Ellen was born November 5, 1928 in Lyman, Nebraska the daughter of Charles and Nellie (Schooley) Vaughn. They moved to LaGrange, Wyoming where she grew up and received her education. She married Warren Coplea in 1948 and they lived at many military bases across the country while he served in the military. After the military they lived in Illinois for a short time and then divorced. She moved to California to live for a number of years. She mainly worked as the office manager and bookkeeper for Red Coach Restaurants in San Jose, California. She retired there and moved to Torrington, Wyoming. She was involved in and several organizations which kept her busy. Jo Ellen enjoyed collecting spoons, coins, and stamps. She loved to work crossword puzzles and play bingo. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 2918, the American Legion Auxiliary Post 5, the DAV Auxiliary, Gold Star Wives of American, the Gardening How To Club, and Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Jo Ellen is survived by three sons Gary Coplea and his wife

Cathy of Lake Havasu, Arizona, Neil Coplea and his wife Anna of Ft. Mohave, Arizona, and Warren Lee Coplea; a daughter Darlene Bosak and her husband Ron of Loveland, Colorado; her father Charles Vaughn of Oroville, California; a sister Margaret Nemecek and her husband Jim of Coos Bay, Oregon; an uncle Richard Vaughn of Denver, Colorado; a niece Wanda Russ and her husband John of Torrington, Wyoming; a special friend Beverly Carpenter and her husband Geo of Morrill, Nebraska; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She was Grandma Jo to many children in Torrington. She was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Fred and Nellie Thomas; both husbands, Warren Coplea and H.L. Cooper; a sister and brother-in-law Freda and Merle Babbitt; two brothers Freddie and Tommie Thomas; half sister Barbara Felton; a nephew Jiggs Lee Babbitt; and sister-in-law Jean Thomas.

# Tribute Wall



“ i am so osrry this is delayed....i had no idea je ellen died....what a wonderful sweet lady...i bought some furniture from her a few years back....and she was such a nice lady..she befriended my special needs daughter..and gave her little gifts here and there..stickers, pencils, writing tablets, and so on...these things were vert special to my daughter..as was jo ellen..i am so sad that she has passed..and my daughter will be devistated...God be with you and bless you in your time of sorrow...what a beautiful lady..she will be missed..

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September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ we just want all of jo ellens family to know what a special woman your mother really is. we were blessed enough to have known your mother for 25+ yrs. as we looked back at the enless memories of times with your mother and dad, we couldn't think of a single important moment that tey were not there. she has been there for every wedding,baby, christmas party,birthday etc. and none of those things would have been the same without her. there are a few people the lord sends here to teach us life lessons, joellen was our teacher of love, compassion, kindness and friendship. u all have a wonderfull legacy left for u.... and please rest assured that u all were the force that drove that kindness and love. we miss her already.

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**carol blair-grooms** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Jo Ellen was such a neat, wonderful lady. You'll never know how many people she was so kind to. I met Jo Ellen when I worked at the bank 20 years(or more) ago. She always remembered me and went out of her way to be kind. She was and unforgettable woman who went out of her way to be gracious and friendly. She will be missed by more people than you'll ever know. Peace be with all her family. I'm going to miss that great smile.*

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**Deb Cain** - September 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM