



Juanita Koza

July 2, 1929 - August 18, 2012

Juanita “Jerri” Koza, 83, of Scottsbluff, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012 at Regional West Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Troy Allen officiating. Private family burial will take place at a separate time. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association and/or the Torrington Baseball programs. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send their condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com. Jerri was born July 2, 1929, in Baltimore, Md. the daughter of Benny and Loda (DeGonzalez) Fritz. She attended school in Baltimore. Jerri married Eugene Koza on April 20, 1946. Gene was serving in the U.S. Navy and the family lived in Florida and Virginia. They moved to Torrington in 1964. Jerri worked campaigns at Holly Sugar and later worked full time as the chief chemist. She followed her sons in their activities and helped her husband to organize baseball in Torrington. Jerri enjoyed her pets, gardening, shopping and cooking for her family. She liked to travel and visit her grandchildren. She also enjoyed bowling and various leagues. Jerri served as secretary/treasurer for the union at Holly Sugar. Survivors include her sons and their families, Richard (Kris) Koza of Chadron, David Koza of Pawtucket, R.I., Jeffery (Julie) Koza of Scottsbluff, and Gary (Melissa) Koza of Windsor, Colo.; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Preceding Jerri in death were her parents, husband, Gene and brother, Milton Jones.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Hearts are with you, my brother, during your time of sorrow.
Love Dennis & Debbie*

Dennis & Debbie Ratliff - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *I am truly sorry to hear about the loss of Mama Koza. As her pain and suffering has ended your pain begins. I am sure Daddy Koza was waiting with open arms for her! They will begin their next journey together. Thank you boys so much for sharing your parents with me. They played a big part in my life! I enjoyed them both. They gave me laughter and humor and always made me feel loved. They gave me a second home! They instilled values in me I still carry with me today. Now they are your angels and still watching over you. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.
Debi*

Debi Weickum - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Jeff and Julie,
Rose was in Scottsbluff with our daughter Anna at the zoo working as a junior zookeeper when she opened the paper right to Jerri's obituary! I'd normally think this was a coincidence, but I really don't believe in coincidences. We hope that you and Julie gather the family close and remember all of the good Jerri did in raising you...she must have been a very special lady. I know you always spoke fondly of her and I'm sure she took special care of you when you were young. We will be praying for you and your family as we think you are special people as well. Love Mark and Rose and Kids*

Mark and Rose McDonald - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ To My Best Friend,
I will miss you terribly, our talks,
friendship, you helped me more than I
can say. You're in my thoughts and in my heart forever. I am so glad
we had
the chance to know each other well.
I sure God will take care of you and who knows who you will get to
see again.
With All My Heart,
Love you Forever,
Sandy

Sandy Jones - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ My dear Rick, Gary, Jeff and David

Your Mother was a very special lady.

We will all miss her. She was there for me when I first married and
was there for me at the birth of two of my five children. We had
wonderful times together.

May the Lord be with each of you and know that he will comfort you
and bring you peace.

Come to Virginia if you can

love Mary Anna Bull Johnson

Mary Anna Bull Johnson - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Jeff and Julie, our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Steve and Tammy Hort - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *She was a great friend and will be missed.*

Mark and Barbara Schaffner - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ *We reach out to all of you Koza men in your loss. We have wonderful memories of your Mother that go back to the days of your youth and our mutual involvement in the Torrington Baseball programs. Jerri was indeed a good friend to us and we join you in sorrow with her passing. We give you all our very best wishes and sympathies.*

Keith Whitney - August 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM