



## Marilyn Thorson

July 21, 1927 - January 30, 2010

TORRINGTON, WYOMING.....Memorial services for MARILYN J. "MARY" THORSON 82, will be held at 2pm Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at Bethel Baptist Church with Pastors Don Mathis and Doug Arendsee officiating. Mary died at her home in Torrington, surrounded by loved ones, on Saturday, January 30, 2010 and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to Valley Christian School. 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). Marilyn Joyce (Evers) Thorson was a daughter, mother, sister, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, mother-in-law, and friend. Her smile and infectious laugh could fill a room. Whether Mary was caring for patients as a young nurse in Omaha, raising her four children at the ranch in Harrison, Nebraska while treating patients at the home health clinic, or volunteering with her Bethel Baptist church members in Torrington, Wyoming, her generous spirit was one of her greatest gifts. She was always happy to lend a hand and offer comfort and a quick smile. Mary also knew how to have fun and never took herself too seriously, whether it was her daily countdown to the afternoon cocktail hour, her weekly challenge to do the Sunday crossword puzzle in pen, rooting for the Cornhuskers and Broncos, or her well-intentioned but disastrous culinary skills. Mary also enjoyed traveling. From Deadwood to Denmark, she'd keep in touch with friends and family by sharing random musings and loving remembrances hastily scratched across the back of a postcard in her

trademark illegible scrawl. A deep and abiding faith in God sustained Mary throughout her life. She had a quiet and gentle way of reminding others to always find the joy in life, even in our darkest moments. Mary is survived by her four children, John Mann of San Diego, California, Bill Mann of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, Julie Grote of Torrington, Wyoming, and Debra Schinzel of Osceola, Iowa. Mary is also survived by her two sisters, Joan Barnett and Patty Waller both of Omaha, Nebraska, as well as six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“*Mary was a joy to know. She brought sunshine into the room wherever I saw her. The funny thing that I remember was the time she wanted to try some espresso. She said she went home and got more ironing done that day with a little wiggle in her stance. That cracked me up laughing. Mary will be missed by so many people she touched. To her family: Take care of each other while you heal from this loss, sending my deepest sympathy. Take care and God Bless You....*”

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**Julie Haught** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“*Dear family, so sorry for your loss, may GOD be with you in your time of sorrow. Donna Jones*”

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**Donna Reece Jones** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“*The obituary was a lovely tribute to Mary's life. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*”

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**Marilyn Cotant** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RH

“*Dear Deb and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during the passing of your mother and grandmother.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Reed and JoAan*”

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**Reed and JoAan Hittle** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ Thank you for sharing your mom, sister, grandma, etc. with the rest of us. Mary was such a delight to have as a friend and I relish the sweet, fun and poignant memories we have shared over the last 13 years. We have shared our faith in Jesus and shared our laughter about many things, we have shared our tears over things we had no control over but prayed for the Lord to care for. She has been one of my dearest friends and as you know, she was a blessing to all she came in contact with. Her cute little giggle rings in my ears as I write this. Know how much Mary loved you all and know she is adding a wonderful touch to Heaven. Can hardly wait!!

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**Ruth and Gene Yinger** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Mary was a close and dear friend who always had a smile and always brought one to those who she came in contact with. She thought of others first and herself later. I will miss by special times with her and the close connection we were able to share. She will be such a joy in heaven!

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**David & Marleen Kendall** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM