



## Joanne Dahowski

May 31, 1937 - March 6, 2019

Joanne Dahowski passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in her daughter's home in Benicia with her family by her side. Joanne was born in Greenville, South Carolina, however, spent most of her years raising her children in Reading and York Pennsylvania. In 2007, Joanne moved to Benicia, California to enjoy her favorite California weather in a small town community.

Joanne graduated from William Smith College in Geneva, New York with a degree in psychology. She worked in customer service for many years with Comcast and A Helping Hand HealthMed.

First and foremost Joanne loved being a mom; providing a loving and supportive environment for her children was her number one priority. She was a great humanitarian and an exceptionally kind soul who found joy in the simple things in life. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, music, and walking her rescue Sheltie, Norma. Joanne walked many miles every day with her daughter-in-law Curnie, covering the many parks in Benicia, First Street & the Marina, as well as the streets of her Southampton neighborhood. She was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching the NFL, PGA and NBA. She was a lifelong avid Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers football fan and quickly adopted the Golden State Warriors upon moving to California.

Joanne is survived by her daughter Diane Dahowski, sons Chris & Donald Dahowski; grandchildren Tyler & Damian Dahowski and her dog Norma. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Josephine Young, and her brother William Young, Jr.

Services will be private. For those wishing to honor Joanne, donations can be made to Paseo Aquatics, c/o 27464 Garza Drive, Saugus, CA 91350 a not-for-profit youth swim organization started by her son.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Dahowski*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *As Joanne’s neighbors all these years, we will miss seeing her cheery face and adorable doggy friend. We enjoyed her zucchini muffins and lemons many times, and she was happy when I made split pea soup. I am so sorry every day when I see her house, and my 10yo grandson is sad, too. He asked about her often when she was sick. “Miss Joanne” will be missed ... and always remembered.*

*Lucy Grijalva & Herbie  
Benicia*

**Lucy Grijalva** - April 06, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ *To the Family of Joanne Dahowski,*

*We were shocked and saddened to see Joanne’s obituary in the York Sunday News. We knew her for many years. We had a wonderful visit with her when she was in York to visit with her family. She was a very special person and will be sorely missed by all of her family and friends. Please accept our sincerest sympathy at this sad time.*

*Anne and Ron Reinhard, York, PA.*

**Anne and Ron Reinhard** - March 14, 2019 at 12:34 PM

CW

“ When Joanne and I would take the dogs walking all over Benicia, Norma (her Sheltie) would get compliments all the time. Holly, the black Lab, would for the most part be ignored. It was a standing joke that Holly was developing an inferiority complex.



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**Curnie Webster** - March 12, 2019 at 03:21 PM

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“ Dear Diane, Don and Chris,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your families. Your mom was a fine lady who cared deeply about her children's education. May God bless you and keep you strong!

*David and Jane Varano  
Bonita Springs, FL*

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**David Varano** - March 10, 2019 at 08:56 PM

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“ *Diane, Donald and Chris,*

*I will always remember the great times we shared when you lived on Dew Drop Road, in York. Alicia learned to swim in your pool and Michael will never forget when Chris shaved his head for swimming. I think he screamed. Funny about 4 years later, Mike shaved his head for swimming and though it was cool. We all loved your dog, Nikki.. Now he has his Mom home with him. Joanne was a gracious, funny, and wonderful lady. Alicia and I are so glad we had dinner with her last year. My heart is broken but will remember the good times.*

*Sue Zeigler*

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**Sue Zeigler** - March 10, 2019 at 08:24 PM

PA

“ *Diane and I are so glad to have known Joanne, if only for too short of a time. Her gentle, warm, generous spirit touched us deeply and we will always remember her. Our condolences to her family.*

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**Pat Arthur** - March 10, 2019 at 11:18 AM