



## Lorraine Marie James

December 11, 1933 - January 6, 2014

Lorraine (Laurie) Marie James was born Dec. 11, 1933 to Nora and Charles Robinson in Sioux City, IA. She was educated at Mount Mercy Academy, Cedar Rapids, and Iowa State University, and worked at Washington State University for 30 years, retiring from the Financial Aid Office in 1994.

Her son, Bret D. James, and beloved husband, Edward L. Kelly, preceded her in death. Laurie is survived by daughters, Susan James Clark, Corvallis, OR, Anne James, Kalispell, MT, Mary Beth James, Lebanon, OR; siblings, Joe Robinson, Lake Alfred, FL, Theresa Robinson, Roseville, MN, and five grandsons.

Services will be scheduled at a later date.

# Comments

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“ Anne, Susan, and Mary Beth,  
Laurie was the first female altar server at Sacred Heart in Pullman. After seeing Laurie up there, I was trained, too. The first time we served together was great. When we were in the back after Mass taking off the server clothes, Laurie suggested we meet after work sometime for a drink, and I agreed. Father later said that he'd heard many conversations among his altar servers, but this was the first time he'd heard them plan to go drinking! Anyway, we met once a month or so. Then Marge became a server, and we asked her to join us, which she did. Then Karen joined us, then Pat and Irene and Lucille. And the Good 'Ol Girls tried to meet once a month for dinner, drinks, and good conversation. Each December, Laurie would host us at her place, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. She made dinner, and wouldn't hear of us bringing anything. It was her treat! Before she moved to the coast, Laurie had us over and gave each of us something to remember her by. She gave me a number of her lovely earrings and asked if I would like her Stephen Foster chair. It fit perfectly in the back of my car that night, and I think of Laurie every time I sit in it. Please accept my sincere condolences. Laurie was a wonderful friend—a good listener, a good laugher, and a good hugger. Kathylu Szabo

**Kathylu Szabo** - January 26, 2014 at 12:38 PM

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“ I have know Laurie for many years, even though we had lost touch, I thought of her often!! Girls, please know how much she meant to me!

**Kathy Emerson** - January 13, 2014 at 10:25 AM

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“ We met Lorraine shortly after she and Ed moved to Anacortes. We owned Sheelys Floral and Lorraine was a frequent customer. More than a customer though she was one that never hesitated to shared encouragement, a smile, or a big hug. Our dog loved her too and always met her at the door. We will miss her but always carry the good memories of the good conversations. Your Mom was special.

Dick Mathes and John Atkinson

**dick mathes** - January 12, 2014 at 01:34 PM

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“ Dear Sue, My sympathy to you and your family on the death of your mother.  
Sincerely, Catherine Neary. You look very like your Mom!

**Catherine Neary** - January 10, 2014 at 05:46 PM