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Jeri was born to Charles Paul Korman and Velva Alma Johnson (Whitney) Korman at Lakin County, Kansas. Her younger years were spent on a family farm near Payette, Idaho/

Jeri acquired and honed her tenacity, compassion and work-ethic, surviving amid a hard-working family of 10 brothers and sister, gleaning an existence in depression-weathering years. In those early days, hunting and fishing fulfilled her adventuresome energy and spirit.

Jeri married Lloyd Samuel Hitchcock, a quality home builder, of Corvallis in 1960. Sam died July 2, 1993.

Survivors include sister, Bernice Nation; daughter, Susan Arnold; granddaughter, Samantha Reed; and very close friends, William Moyer, Pula Mahn and Marjorie Mahn.

Jeri literally gave of her time and skills delivering always welcome kitchen-crafted, "from scratch" pastries to so many appreciative neighbors at incidents of the neighboring family's crises.

For more than 50 years, Jeri shared her proved, practical cooking and sewing skills to eager, attentive, appreciative 4-H Club members.

Jeri assured Pastega House was adequately funded and physically supported by the Corvallis community.

Jeri was justifiably proud judging 4-H Food and Textile Projects exhibited

annually in County Fairs throughout Oregon. Over the years, fellow judges sought her as a Resource Leader.

Jeri relished later years pursuing travels throughout the United States; coast to coast. Jeri emphatically made a difference and will be sadly missed!

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossturda.com](http://www.demossturda.com)

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“ *Jeri was a wonderful Benton County 4-H Leader. I had the honor of working with her for 26 years. She was a great lady, who gave to everyone around her. Her neighbors, 4-H kids, people with cancer & their families and many others. In 4-H Jeri taught many children how to cook and sew, how to help other people, and how to grow into positive adults.*

*Jeri started a 4-H scholarship many years ago and the scholarship is still going to this day. Many youth were able to go on to college because of her.*

*My memories of Jeri include her judging the 4-H Favorite Foods Contest, hosting 4-H kids at her house for activities and dropping off her husband Sam's homemade wine to me when I was going through cancer treatments. There has never been anyone like Jeri. You will be missed by many.*

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“ *Jeri was my manager at Kentucky Fried Chicken for many years in the late 70's. She was a great boss! She taught me respect, how to work hard, how to hustle when things got really crazy busy. She was opinionated and put us in our place when we needed guidance. And as a teenager, of course we needed that! She also had a big heart. She knew everyone by name that was a regular. She was involved in her community. I remember Jeri wanted to win the white glove contest at Kentucky Fried Chicken. She had us scrubbing walls, floors, coolers so everything was spotless and perfect. She did win the award and we all had our pictures in the local paper. I am saddened to hear of her passing. She truly had a positive impact on my life growing up. I still have an old cookbook she gave me before I went to college. I was to learn how to make her famous Cornish game hens for dinner. Every time I open this cookbook I think of Jeri. I know our group who worked for her, Pat, Susan, Dave, Brent and myself (Phyllis) will all remember her in a good light. May you fly with the angels Jeri!*

*Sincerely,*

*Phyllis Gilbert  
Salem, Oregon*

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**Phyllis Gilbert** - March 07, 2018 at 05:22 PM