



## Lou Ann Montague

May 12, 1954 - June 19, 2024

Lou Ann (Gongaware) Montague, 70, peacefully passed away on 19 June, 2024 in West Valley City, UT. She was born on 12 May, 1954 to Earle and Geraldine Gongaware in Pennsylvania. She attended Cyprus High School and then Snow College where she earned an Associates degree in Journalism. Lou Ann considered her 2 children and 5 grandchildren her greatest treasures.

Lou Ann spent the last 17 years with a wonderful man, Melvin Radford, (preceded her in death in February 2023) who kept her supplied with collectible bunnies. Lou loved bragging about her kids and grandchildren (even the fur babies) and her dog Molly. Lou adored baby farms animals, and never passed up the chance to pet a baby goat. She worked for many years at Jefferson Junior High in West Valley City, in many different roles from resource aid to truancy officer; she was fond of many of the kids she worked with throughout her years there. She loved her travels up the Oregon coast into Canada and Yellowstone, particularly trips to Bear World where she was able to hold a bear cub. She was known to friends as an incredible cook and baker, people loved her lemon bars and some say she invented the family favorite 'cheesy onions'. Her pasta sauce is comparable to what you could find in Italy (yes, it was really that good). Crochet was one of her favorite hobbies and she made many beautiful blankets for others. She loved to

garden and had beautiful flower patches at her home in West Valley. Lou would read any book or magazine she could get her hands on. She treasured the memories of her shopping and lunch dates with her best friend Julie.

Survived by: Her children: Diana (Matt) Roblyer (Herriman, UT) and Michael (Emily) Montague (Las Vegas, NV). Her grandchildren: Chloe Roblyer, Jordan Roblyer and Jaeger, Pepper, and Phoebe Montague. Her siblings: Ed (Lisa) Gongaware (Hallsville, MO) and family, Alice Tyler (Sandy, UT) and family, and Merle (Mary) Gongaware (West Valley City, UT) and family. Lou had many wonderful nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

The family would like to thank the following: Lisa Benudiz, thank you for the time you spent caring for and being Lou and Mel's friend; Lou said many times she loved you like a daughter. Thank you to the nursing staff at Alpine Meadow that took wonderful care of Lou for the past 13 months. The entire ICU team at Jordan Valley West, especially Lou's nurses Courtney, Will, and Julie: you made an extremely difficult time easier and your care and gentleness was very appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the FSHD Society: <https://www.fshdsociety.org/get-involved/support-us/ways-to-give/#>

As requested by Lou Ann there will be no viewing or services.

Please share memories and condolences at [www.serenityfhs.com](http://www.serenityfhs.com).



# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Lou family, I was just thinking about her the other day and was looking for another friends obit and came across your mom and gma and sister. I worked with her at Jefferson jr high. What a beautiful soul and love she shared for her family and grandkids. She was quite the jokester and kept me laughing and in tears. Some how work was bearable with Lou each day. RIP my friend from the past and be whole again. Julie Perili Haws

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**julie perfili haws** - July 02, 2024 at 10:00 PM

NN

“ This is heartbreaking to hear. I worked with LouAnn at Jefferson Jr. for 6 years, and those were my favorite years of my career. She made an incredible impact on the kiddos in our special needs class. I remember we used to cook once a week in our class and it was always very chaotic and messy. LouAnn and I used to laugh about how crazy it made her to cook with the class because she liked to keep things clean and orderly. Also because she was such an amazing cook and our recipes often came out very questionable. I felt very close to her during the time we worked together, and I am incredibly grateful to have had her in my life. This world is a better place because she was in it, may her beautiful light and positive impact never be forgotten. Much love to the family. Natalie Nelson

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**Natalie Nelson** - June 27, 2024 at 04:52 PM

ML

“ Aunt Lou Annis the one that taught me "cheesy onions" recipe. She was always there when I needed her. She was just a phone call away. Always had to visit her when I came home to Utah. She's in a better place, made whole again, and with all the loved ones that went before her. Love and miss our angel.

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**Misty LaRoe** - June 26, 2024 at 10:03 AM

LB

“ These are a couple of my favorite photos of LouAnn & Mel. While I never did try those famous lemon bars of hers, she recently sent me the recipe, I may have to give it a go. She will be greatly missed. Love you friend. Lisa



Lisa Benudiz - June 25, 2024 at 09:23 PM

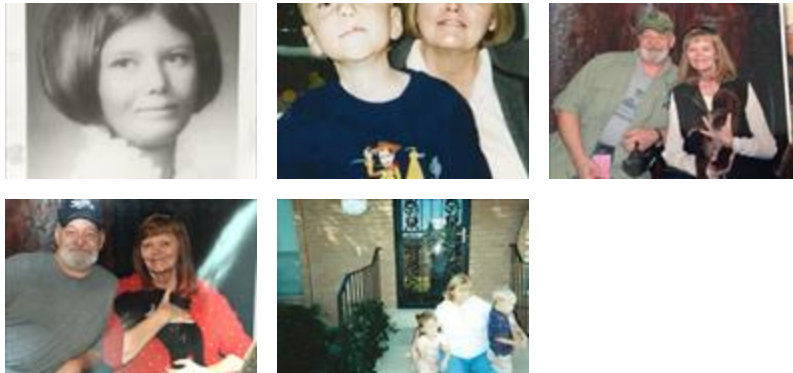
CB

So sorry got your loss.. we are childhood friends of Melvin .. will she have a grave marker next to Mel. And if so were will that be? And a sorry again for your loss !

Cory Brown - June 26, 2024 at 07:30 PM

S

“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Serenity Funeral Home - June 25, 2024 at 03:33 PM

AT

I miss her so much... I love her too. She in a better place...God bless Lou Ann....

Alice Tyler - June 25, 2024 at 04:24 PM

JN

*May Jesus Christ welcome you home. Thank you for being a great aunt and always giving advice when you knew it was needed. I thank God for having the privilege to know you. Tell Grandma, Grandpa, Mel, Patti, Tyler, John, & so many more hello and we'll see each other again soon. May your eternity with the LORD be blessed forever.*

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**Jeremy Nelson** - June 25, 2024 at 08:23 PM