



Aretta Joy Freed

January 1, 1950 - November 1, 2012

Aretta Joy Frasier Freed was born on January 1, 1950 in Tacoma, Washington to Angus and Dorthea (Luther) Frasier. Her father was in the service during her younger years and Aretta lived in many places growing up. Aretta graduated from Harrisville, NY in 1967 and later received her Bachelor's degree in Geography from UNO. As a young girl, Aretta had a keen interest in maps and rocks and had an extensive atlas collection. Aretta served her country in the United States Air Force in 1968. During her tour of duty, she helped train monkeys for space travel.

Aretta married Tom Freed on October 17, 1980 in Omaha, Nebraska. Aretta and Tom have raised their family in Omaha.

Aretta has worked as a computer programmer for Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Pamida, worked at Richmond Gordman, MUD for 15 years and Con Agra for 8 years before finding her dream job as a GIS technician at the Douglas County Assessor's office. She enjoyed reading, crochet and quilting but most of all she loved to spoil her grandchildren. Aretta was a well-spoken, giving, patient and free spirited woman with a host of friends. She had a mixed taste in music and movies from old classics to modern fiction. Aretta enjoyed specialty coffee and dinner at Gorat's. She especially enjoyed any meal that she did not have to cook. Aretta's pet peeve was elbows on the dinner table and could often be heard saying "Gosh darn Fibromyalgia".

Aretta passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 62 years and 10 months. She was

preceded in death by her father Angus. Aretta is survived by her husband Tom; sons and daughter-in-law Michael Evans of Lincoln and Thomas, III and Alicia Freed of Omaha; daughters Linda Freed of Council Bluffs, IA, Ruth Freed and William Botos of Omaha and Amelia Freed of Omaha; 11 grandchildren; mother Dorthea (Hilton) Labow of Riceville, MT; sister Linda Seibel of Riceville, MT

Tribute Wall



“ *Aretta Joy Freed*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Very sorry that Aretta is gone. Hope you can remember happy times and the laughs when you are feeling low. Best Wishes, Larry Dowling from Quito*

Larry Dowling - December 25, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ *From the moment I first met Aretta in early 1981, I knew Tom had found and married a truly unique lady. For 10 years I got to visit them each summer and saw their children and family arrive and grow. Throughout it all I could see the closeness, bonding and strong love in their family. Rest in peace, Aretta. We'll all remember you so dearly. Hang in there Tom and family.*

John MacDonnell - December 22, 2012 at 12:53 PM



“ *The Spicer Family can thank Aretta (and Tom) for helping us make the transition to homeschooling - some 17 years ago - a wonderful lifechanging event. And Aretta always shared grace, something we can all learn from. Praying for you Tom. Know your heart is broken & you are weary. May the Father cover you with His peace & restoration. And the children as well.*

Kathy Spicer - November 06, 2012 at 07:06 AM

RC

“ *Aretta was the finest mentor one could ask for when I started at MUD, We will miss her. God bless.*

Roger & Donni Cocklin - November 05, 2012 at 05:07 PM

KF

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your mom.I know how hard it is to lose a family member.I wish you and your family the best.*

Kevin Ratliff and Family - November 04, 2012 at 10:57 PM

RW

“ *Tom and family; I have been blessed in my life by you and Aretta, the girls growing up together and the meals you shared with us. Good memories of all; Oh, we did have some good laughs! Aretta will always be a part of our lives. A good sister in the Lord who ran a good race and fought a good fight. I love you all and may Gods' rest be upon you all. Aretta is home, with no pain or tears. Love you much always.*

Randy Weakly - November 04, 2012 at 08:00 PM

JK

“ *Aretta loved her family and her job. She always had a positive outlook and enjoyed life. I am happy to have been a member of her sister-in-law and see some of her journey. You will be missed.*

Janet Kick - November 03, 2012 at 03:20 AM

JS

“ We are so sorry for your loss, yet we know she is safe in the arms of Jesus. The last two times I had seen Aretta were at Bag N Save about a year ago and about 5 years ago she was a pleasant addition to the water aerobics class I used to teach. She was a bright spot on this earth and will be missed much by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Praying for all of the family for God's comfort to envelope you all.

Jacque Swirzinski - November 02, 2012 at 07:07 PM

RL

“ sorry for the loss, i will miss her, God bless everybody prayer and thoughts go out the family

Roy Luther - November 02, 2012 at 05:01 PM

AS

“ Aunt Fred, You will be missed. So happy to have gotten to spend time with you in July. Love you!

Anabel & Jason Seibel - November 02, 2012 at 03:14 PM