



Jody Renee Hoffman

February 21, 1956 - May 21, 2023

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Jody Hoffman died unexpectedly of natural causes in her home on May 21, 2023.

Jody Renee Hoffman was born February 21, 1956, in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, to Florraine and Joseph Wangen. Raised in Minneapolis, she lived briefly in Norway with her parents when her father moved the family there on a Fulbright scholarship. While in Norway, he passed when Jody was three years old. She and her mother returned to Minneapolis where her mother later remarried her adoptive father, William Trygstad. Jody attended the Minneapolis Public Schools and graduated from Roosevelt High School. As a teenager, Jody played the flute, was an excellent marksman, and found her passion for horses.

She began her studies in Agriculture Sciences at the University of Minnesota but realized her life's work would be with horses. She began working at O'Mac Farms in Red Wing, Minnesota, and there met the love of her life, Larry Hoffman. They married on November 27, 1982. In 1983, the couple established Hesten Park in Hastings, Minnesota. Jody and Larry bred and trained Arabian and Half-Arabian horses, winning countless National Championships at shows across the United States and Canada. While Larry focused on the horses, Jody focused on the riders. She spent countless hours seated in barn aisles during shows offering sound advice, a shoulder to cry

on, or a delicate touch of tough love.

Jody was extremely proud of her children, Hillary and Matthew. She traveled back to Norway during Hillary's college years to proudly watch her sing with the St. Olaf Choir. Her blind faith in Matthew's passion for skiing took them on many winter adventures as she added "ultimate ski parent" to her coaching accomplishments.

After her children moved out of the home, Jody filled the house with bulldogs. Since the Hoffmans compete with all their animals, Jody applied her knowledge of breeding horses to dogs and within only a few years had bulldogs competing and winning at the Bulldog Club of America National Specialty. Penelope was queen of the Hoffman Bulldogs and Jody's foundation bitch. In only 6 years, Jody accomplished the requirements to be listed in the BCA Breeder's Hall of Fame.

Those who knew Jody considered her the matriarch not only her home and family but of every community of which she was a part.

Jody always maintained a proud connection to her Norwegian heritage. She delighted in entertaining in her warm, Scandinavian homes. Friends and family treasured the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in her home, admiring her dramatically beautiful trees musically supported with recordings of the St. Olaf Christmas Festival. Jody kept her hands busy with needlework and coloring; she had an artist's eye. Jody's kitchen was always a place of congregation as she enjoyed cooking, baking, and canning.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Wangen, adoptive father, William Trygstad, mother, Florraine Wangen Trygstad Williams, and son, David. She is survived by her husband, Larry Hoffman, and children, Hillary and Matthew, her "third dad," Jerry Williams, stepsiblings Elizabeth (Roger) Gomoll, Susan (Robert) Jenkins, Paul (Evone Greene) Williams, Mark (Robin)Trygstad, Kirsti Trygstad, and the countless parents, students, friends, and bulldogs whose lives she touched.

A service will be held at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Wednesday, May 31st. Visitation will start at noon, with the service at 2:00

pm, followed by a reception. A Celebration of Life has been scheduled for Thursday, June 1st at 3:00 pm at the Hoffman's home, 2085 130th Avenue, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Memorials are suggested to the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund or the Bulldog Club of America Charitable Fund.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Lutheran Church (Mpls)
333 South 12th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Church Service

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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“ *Love Randy and Deb purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Jody Renee Hoffman.* ”



Love Randy and Deb - May 29, 2023 at 01:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jody Renee Hoffman.* ”



May 28, 2023 at 03:41 PM