



## Janelle Ann Koff

February 20, 1950 - September 29, 2025

Janelle Ann Koff, 75, of Roswell, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 29, 2025. Born on February 20, 1950, in Humboldt, Nebraska, to Arthur and Evelyn Dolsky, Janelle lived a life filled with love, creativity, and generosity.

Janelle dedicated 25 years to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she contributed her talents to personnel across several departments, including Infectious Disease and World Health. She retired in 2017 and fully embraced her next chapter of life. In retirement, she delighted in perfecting her chocolate chip cookie recipe, attending weekly social gatherings with friends, caring for her beloved grandchildren, and continuing to create art. She had a gift for caring for others, and those around her felt the warmth of her generosity and kindness.

Her creativity was a constant thread throughout her life. From her early craft business creating calligraphy and watercolor paintings, to authoring three children's books, to her recent joy of painting rocks to brighten others' days, Janelle shared beauty and joy in countless ways.

A devoted mother, Janelle loved her son Darin deeply and delighted in every moment spent with her three grandchildren, Halle, Parker, and Sloane, who were the light of her life. She also embraced her role in the extended family,

loving her son's half-sisters, Lisa and Stacey, as part of her own. Janelle's warmth, creativity, and generosity extended to all who knew her, leaving a lasting impression of kindness and joy.

Janelle is survived by her son, Darin (Megan) Koff; her grandchildren, Halle, Parker, and Sloane; Her step daughters Lisa and Stacey; and her brother, James (Sue) Dolsky. She was preceded in death by her parents and her former husband, Alon Henry Koff.

Janelle Ann Koff will be remembered not only for her accomplishments, but for the love, laughter, and light she shared with everyone fortunate enough to know her.

# Tribute Wall

JA

*“ I didn't know her, but she often entered the wrong email address, so many invoices and messages ended up in my mailbox. She seemed like a kind and good person. I wish her family all the best, and I pray for her.*



**Jan** - November 05, 2025 at 07:55 AM

KS

*“ Janelle was a dear friend. She was always sharing cookies and lasagna. We shared the common bond of being single moms and then grandmothers. She was an inspiration on how she faced any health challenge with determination to get better. I'm glad that I was lucky enough to be her friend. Sending love, hugs and prayers to her family.*

**Kati Sellers** - October 04, 2025 at 01:01 PM

PE

*“ Janelle was always so kind and she was so proud of her grand children. She was so proud of the books that she wrote. My granddaughter has enjoyed them. Prays for the familu*

**Patricia Everett** - October 03, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DB

*“ Janelle was a beautiful lady and good friend. She loved to cook for us and enjoyed watching us devour what she made. She did so many nice things for other people, what a great trait to have, always helping and thinking of others. Your Mom will be well remembered and missed. Prayers for your family.*

**Dawn Bohlayer** - October 03, 2025 at 07:07 PM

CS

“ I knew this time was coming but I still can't believe that day is here. Janelle was a gift to me and all who came to know and love her. I met her on my first day at CDC/ATSDR in 2003. I always felt Janelle was like a sister to me, guiding me at work and helping me through the process, and in our wonderful friendship. I enjoyed our outings to her favorite restaurants, the best antique and specialty shops and meeting at places we both loved. Janelle and I enjoyed cooking and sharing our recipes. She recently drove over an hour to visit me after my surgery and brought me her famous chocolate chip cookies. She did not feel her best and I appreciated and was humbled by her kindness. I know she also cooked meals for her friends so if you were lucky to be a recipient, please know Janelle loved you and cherished your friendship. I could go on and on about the ways Janelle has touched my life. Janelle had a great love for Darin, Megan, and her beautiful grandchildren, and was so proud of them. I will miss her excitement when she spoke of her family. I gave Janelle kudos for driving back home, by herself, to Nebraska, to visit her ailing cousin. She definitely had a heart of gold! Janelle was challenged with many health issues but she was a trooper in dealing with what life handed her. I always admired Janelle for her tenacity. She will always be remembered for her courage, love of family and friends, her enthusiasm for cooking and tweaking recipes, and her crafting skills and her ability to find a good deal. I loved Janelle Koff and her memory will always be in my heart. Sending love and prayers to Darin, Megan and the grandkids.

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**Cindy Stormark** - October 03, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Janelle Ann Koff.



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October 03, 2025 at 11:38 AM

JJ

“ *Janelle was part of our Monday coffee group. She always had such a wonderful full of life spirit and lots of stories. She usually brought us some goodies to share that she had made over the weekend. She will be missed alot.*

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**Jennifer Jones** - October 03, 2025 at 08:01 AM

DD

*She was a classmate of mine at Humboldt High School here in Nebraska. I remember a birthday/slumber party out at her folks and knew her brother John Dolsky and wife Shirley.*

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**Doris Wissler DeJonge** - October 03, 2025 at 08:44 AM

MT

*I first met Janelle around 2005 when I returned to Atlanta from NY/Philly. I'd had a career in HR with Macy's and ties into the medical device/pharma world, so Janelle's ties at the CDC caused us to trade info/insights occasionally. We'd 'do lunch' or I went to several of her Super Bowl parties. She'd battled various health issues over the years, but between writing children's books and between rock painting and Holiday decorations, always had a project or two going. Her verve for life was evident, and she was constantly pitching in to help others.....a life well-spent.*

*Mark Thrapp*

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**Mark Thrapp** - October 03, 2025 at 04:02 PM