

Janet Louise Thompson, born on February 10, 1956, in Worland, Wyoming, passed away peacefully at her home in Gillette, Wyoming, on what would have been her 70th birthday, February 10, 2026. She is remembered as a devoted family member, an enthusiastic gardener, and a passionate chairperson and member of the Master Gardeners, as well as an Arborist for the University of Wyoming Extension Office. As the fifth of seven siblings, Janet cherished her family deeply. She is preceded in death by her parents, Golden and Faye Averett, and is survived by her beloved husband, Thomas Thompson, whom she married on April 25, 1975, in Butte, Montana. Together, they raised three devoted children: Richard Thompson, Jaclyn Mehrer, and Stephanie Thompson. Janet was also the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Alani Williams, who brought immense joy to her life. Janet's educational journey took her through Plevna High School in eastern Montana, where she developed a love for learning that she carried into her career. Known for her green thumb, she dedicated countless hours to gardening, which was not only a hobby but a way for her to connect with nature and share beauty with those around her. Janet often spent her free time camping and kayaking, embracing the outdoors with an enthusiasm that inspired others. Throughout her life, Janet was a committed member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where she found a strong sense of community and purpose. Her contributions as a chairperson of the Master Gardeners reflect her dedication to both her work and her commitment to enriching the lives of others through education and horticulture. Janet Louise Thompson leaves behind a lasting impact through her family, her work in her community, and her love for the natural world. Her spirit will continue to bloom in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

In Loving Memory

Janet Louise



Thompson

February 10, 1956 - February 10, 2026

To Die On Your Birthday

Death I often say
has no time
but its own.

Birthdays start with tears
as a baby cries,
or chooses to be an angel.

Those of us
that take a breath,
fortunate enough-
to take in more,
it may seem simple-
to compare those breaths
like blocks that stack.

As we grow.

We learn to be celebrated,
at least on that one very day.

The happy birthday song-
as family is gathered around the cake.

Wishing on a candle-
to bring dreams that you so hope,
come true.

Their favorite food-

Even if,
that never changed.

Through and through,
we had the recipe,
we knew what to do.

Today we will be gathered around,
none of your favorites.
No recipe or instructions.
Just the paperwork,
paperwork we talked about together,

or a reminder
of that one thing
we never got to.

Either way-
it still feels bitter,
even if there were,
cake at the table.

It's your birthday
and you're not here.

We will still celebrate
every breath you took.

We will sing to you.

We will eat your favorite food.

And look for you
in all of the ways
that made you,

You.

&

I won't stop
even tomorrow
when the clock says
it is not your birthday.
/karlye mungerson/

Visitation

Thursday, February 12, 2026

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Walker Funeral Home



Graveside Service

Friday, February 13, 2026

10:00 a.m. at Mount Pisgah Cemetery
804 S. Emerson Avenue, Gillette, WY 82716

Officiating: Bishop Ellis Day

Bagpiper: Mike Averett

Casketbearers:

Brian Degele

Ben Averett

Brandon Mehrer

Ryan Mehrer

John Williams

Eric Thompson



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